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Thousands reported killed in Kirkuk as families flee to the hills to escape Saddam's vengeance

Kurds abandon string of cities to Iraqi forces

By MICHAEL THEODOULOU IN NICOSIA AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

E Kurdish revolt in rthern Iraq appeared omed yesterday as els relinquished a ng of cities to better-ned government forces ported by helicopter nships and long-range illery.

Hundreds of thousands ivilians fled from towns l cities in advance of a certed land and air slaught. Kurdish rebels ceded that Dahuk and bil had fallen a day after e key oil city of Kirkuk. eir leaders said they had lered a tactical retreat m the three cities to save lives of civilians after s of thousands were led in Kirkuk.

The only hope for the Kurds peared to lie in the possible haustion of President ldam Hussein's troops and ck of spare parts.

Reporting from Arbil, Jim ir, the BBC correspondent, d: "Hundreds of thousands Kurds are now on the ve, cramming their fams and whatever they could ry into lorries, tractor-ilers, cars, taxis and any her vehicle they could find. Refugee families are now scattered throughout the snow-covered Kurdish mountains, ill-equipped to face the bitterly cold nights and with no idea of what future lies ahead for them."

Masoud Barzani, a rebel leader of the Kurdish Democratic Party, his forces falling back in the face of the army's rapid advance, said three million Kurds had fled to the snow-capped mountains. He appealed to the United States, France and Britain to act through the United Nations to save his people from "genocide and torture". Small groups of Kurdish fighters were reportedly trying to hold out in Arbil, regarded as the capital of Iraqi Kurdistan.

The Iraqi news agency claimed that government forces had also captured the town of Zakho near the Turkish border. If true, Sulaymaniya, near the Iranian border, is the only big town still in rebel hands.

The Iraqi army was reported to have cut off the sole crossing point on the Iraqi-Syrian border, which Kurdish insurgents had been using. The banks of the Tigris river, which mark the border between Syria and Iraq, came under heavy artillery fire from forces loyal to Saddam.

Iraq's state-run media claimed Kurdish fighters had "fled like rats" and that the recaptured towns had been "purged of the filth of the traitors and renegades, agents of Zionism". The Iraqi news agency claimed: "The people of Dahuk and Arbil received our armed forces with national songs and cheering President Saddam Hussein." It added that 20 lorries loaded with flour were on their way to northern Iraq after "strategic supplies in those areas were set ablaze by criminal gangs".

A spokesman for the Kurdish Democratic Party in London said they now had two choices. Either they would regroup and return to guerrilla warfare to exhaust Saddam's forces, or they would give serious consideration to striking a deal with Saddam, who last week revived a 20-year-old offer of autonomy.

"We still control an area six times the size of Kuwait," the spokesman said. "We never controlled towns before, so this wasn't a great loss. We will return to guerrilla warfare and exhaust Saddam's forces with hit-and-run tactics."

He said shortages of food and anti-tank and anti-aircraft equipment made their situation desperate. "We feel betrayed. The foreign media care about our plight, but not the administrations. There are people dying in the streets every minute but there's been no word from Bush yet. We may yet have to consider Saddam's autonomy deal," he said.

In Damascus, however, another Kurdish Democratic Party spokesman indicated that Kurdish leaders would opt for the first choice. He said they would regroup and counter-attack to try to regain Kirkuk, which had been their biggest success in the month-old uprising against Saddam. "All these victims (civilian deaths) will not intimidate us and will not make us surrender as Saddam thinks."

Three of Saddam's top men were in Kurdistan with the advancing government forces and sent their leader a congratulatory telegram, saying they had performed prayers at the centre of Arbil to offer God their thanks for its liberation. Viewed by their enemies as an unholy trinity,

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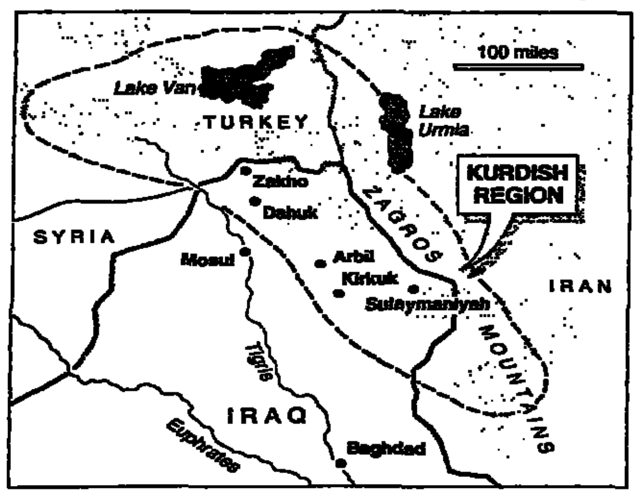

Flight from Saddam: a Kurdish family leaving their home in Arbil, north-eastern Iraq, in the face of a land and air onslaught by government forces

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British firms at centre of secret arms deals

From MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Bush administration yesterday exposed Britain as the centre of the secret arms trading and financial operations which enabled President Saddam Hussein to build Iraq into such a formidable military power.

The United States Treasury publicly identified 52 businesses and 37 individuals worldwide as "front" companies and agents for the Iraqi government. Thirty-two of the companies and 13 of the individuals are either British or based in Britain. The companies and individuals now fall under the terms of the embargo and asset freeze which President Bush ordered against Iraq immediately after it invaded Kuwait in August last year.

Under American law all transactions with them are prohibited unless specially licensed. The criminal penalties for violating that ban include prison sentences of up to 12 years and fines of up to $1 million (£570,000).

Cloudy future for fly fishing

A national water resources strategy is needed to keep rivers healthy, reports ***Michael McCarthy***

Drought and the over-abstraction of drinking water are together threatening the future of chalk streams, the small group of clear southern English rivers which boast some of the country's finest fly fishing.

Water levels have dropped as never before on rivers such as the Test, the Itchen and the Hampshire Avon. An algal growth from the last two hot summers has killed much of the waterweed.

If the trend continues the chalk streams could cease to support game fish, says the British Field Sports Society (BFSS), while the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) foresees a future, if action is not taken, of dry river-beds put under the plough and turned into wheat-fields. Some smaller streams have already run dry.

Riverkeepers preparing for the opening of the fishing season, at various dates during the month, are concerned, and in three weeks' time the BFSS and the Salmon and Trout Association are holding a public meeting in Winchester to discuss the problem. On the agenda are options for future English water supply which might seem drastic even in the desert, such as desalination of seawater. Fishermen say

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Teachers poised for new clash over appraisal

By DAVID TYTLER, EDUCATION EDITOR

TEACHERS were last night poised for a further confrontation with Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, over compulsory appraisal of teachers to be introduced during the next four years. Britain's largest teachers' union, the National Union of Teachers (NUT), wants a guarantee that appraisal is not linked to individual pay rises or disciplinary procedures.

Members in conference at Scarborough called for an NUT ballot on a campaign of withholding co-operation, which was opposed by the executive. The result of a card vote taken last night will be announced today. A show of hands was too close to call.

John Cox, for the executive, said that if there were any attempt to link appraisal with pay and discipline, the union would fight it. "I give you my guarantee," he said.

The boycott threatened by the NUT was last night condemned as the road to ruin by Nigel de Gruchy, the general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers, the second-biggest teachers' union, which started its annual conference in Bournemouth yesterday.

The NUT executive is anxious to maintain unity with the other six teacher organisations, which want to follow the proposals of the national steering group on appraisal and believe that NUT members would be exposed in withholding co-operation. The union's official position is that it is not against appraisal in principle, but is against details of the proposals, which are to be announced shortly.

The appraisal scheme will be phased in over four years, with half the 400,000 teaching force being assessed by heads or senior staff by the summer of 1993 and the remainder in the following two years. All teachers face appraisal once every two years. Mr Clarke has said that appraisal will not be directly linked to pay or disciplinary procedures, but may be used by heads.

Appraisal is central to Labour policy. The party has said that it would fully fund the steering group scheme, which it estimates will cost £45 million. Mr Clarke has said that initially he will provide only £10 million a year.

Jack Straw, the Labour education spokesman, was attacked at the NUT conference for having said that appraisal could be used for weeding out ineffective teachers. Gary Drabble, of Sheffield, said: "We should be weeding out ineffective opposition leaders." Dave Lawrence, from east London, said: "We want fair appraisal, not reprisal."

Earlier yesterday, the NUT decided to campaign against the plan to move all 16-plus colleges from local authority control to a central body funded by the government. Geoff Gay, of Loughborough, said that the proposal by Mr Clarke was a further attack on comprehensive education and would prevent coherent planning, adding to the academic and vocational divide rather than removing it.

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Alia party in Albania claims win

From JOHN HOLLAND IN TIRANA

ALBANIA's communists yesterday claimed victory in the country's first free multiparty elections in decades as an angry crowd demonstrated outside the headquarters of the main opposition party.

While no official results had by then been declared, it seemed that the communist Party of Labour would win at least 156 of the 250 parliamentary seats at stake.

In a serious setback, however, Albania's communist President Alia was defeated in his bid for re-election to the parliament by an obscure engineer from the main opposition Democratic Party.

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CBI forecasts revival

THE government's conviction that underlying inflation is falling steeply will receive a fillip from the latest monthly survey by the Confederation of British Industry which shows that the manufacturing industry is less inclined to raise prices than at any time since the CBI began its survey 16 years ago (Philip Bassett writes).

The confederation also sees a slowdown in the growth of earnings to a forecast 7.9 per cent by the end of this year. In a new economic forecast, the CBI says the economic slowdown has proved much deeper than expected, but it sees signs that the recession may be reaching its nadir in terms of orders and output. Unemployment will rise to 2.3 million this year and 2.7 million in 1992, the CBI predicts.

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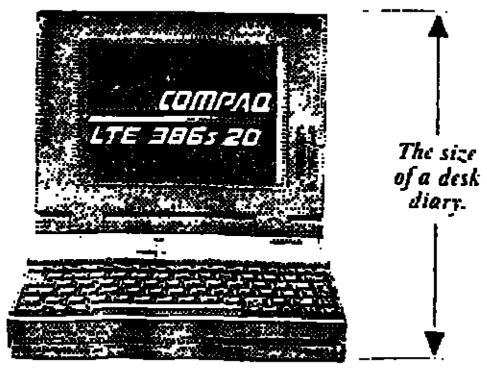

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Brain drain comes to a head quicker in men

By NIGEL HAWKES
SCIENCE EDITOR

SOMETHING that women have long suspected and men have always secretly feared has received the imprimatur of science: men's brains deteriorate faster than women's.

The fact that our brains get smaller as we grow older has been known for many years. Brain cells, unlike those of other organs, do not regenerate. After studying the brains of 34 men and 35 women aged 18 to 80, Ruben Gur, director of the brain behaviour laboratory at Pennsylvania university, and his colleagues believe that in men the deterioration is three times faster.

Dr Gur said that this might also explain why old men tend to be grumpier than old women. Not only do their brains rot faster, but the parts they lose are those that make them human in the first place. "If part of the reason for retirement is because of some loss of mental abilities, men should be asked to retire earlier," Dr Gur said.

He used magnetic resonance imaging to examine the brains of his volunteers, all healthy people. Heavy drinkers were eliminated to avoid possible bias. A computer analysed the images and measured the ratio between the amounts of cerebro-spinal fluid and brain in each person. This ratio is used as a measure of the degree to which a brain has shrunk. To eliminate the possibility that younger people have more brain cells because better nutrition has given them bigger heads, skull volumes were measured. No differences were associated with age.

The results, published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, show that men's brain cells die more rapidly than women's, and that much of the loss is concentrated in the parts of the brain responsible for reasoning, calculating, planning and conceptualising. The outer surfaces of the brain, responsible for the higher functions unique to humans, appear to decay quicker than the inner, primitive parts.

While women's brains decayed evenly, in men there was greater loss on the left side, reponsible for language, logical reasoning and, some believe, the emotions. Dr Gur said that stroke victims with damage on the left of the brain tend to suffer depression and outbursts of crying. However, he could not explain why the rate of deterioration of the brain appeared to be affected by gender. He said that an obvious candidate was hormones, which have an important influence on the brain. If so, it might be possible to devise treatments to slow the deterioration in men.

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By ROSS TIEMAN
NDUSTRIAL CORRESPOND

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Thirst for funds keeps the parents dipping into their pockets

By DAVID TYTLER
EDUCATION EDITOR

CHILDREN *will return to* school for the start of the summer term to find the timetable may include fund-raising barbecues, sponsored swims, walks, runs and spelling tests. The children may enjoy it but for their parents it means having to put their hands in their pockets to provide what many see as the essentials to support the national curriculum, such as computers and extra books.

Nobody knows for certain how much parents contribute but the best estimates are that their combined efforts produce up to £80 million a year. The schools *who lose* out tend to be the ones that are most in need of the extra cash: poor parents cannot find the funds generated by the better-off middle classes.

Schools need the money to provide essential equipment to teach the national curriculum, particularly in technology, where a 200-pupil primary school with eight classes would need to spend about £10,000 *to provide six* computer terminals. For most schools a computer system can only be *installed* through the generosity of parents. With many schools dependent on parental charity, Anne Mountfield, of the Directory of Social Change, questions whether this is the right way to finance state education.

She said: "It is unrealistic to expect teachers to make fundraising a regular part of their already excessive workload. It is unfair to schools in poorer areas to encourage parents and governors to fundraise for essentials such as text books, basic classroom equipment and maintenance."

Schools in poor areas are reluctant to reveal how much their parents raise. The head of one South London primary school said that she had been told by her local education authority that she could not discuss the amount of money raised by parents because it led to "stereotyping". She said: "The parents here raise about £500 a year and do a magnificent job and it is ridiculous to deny it. I refuse to use the *money for* essentials; that is up to the local authority."

Her school is a typical inner London school: built 100 years ago, there are 273 pupils with 10 full-time and four part-time teachers. The £507.35 raised by parents last year was spent on books, outings, plants to decorate the building and school clubs. In previous years, parents *have helped to* buy two climbing frames.

Nearby is a slightly larger primary school with 390 pupils, 14 full-time and four part-time teachers. Last year parents raised about £2,000, *which the school* spent on climbing frames, soft lavatory paper, calculators and school trips.

These two primary schools fare very much better than a neighbouring borough's girls' comprehensive school with 1,150 pupils. The school will receive £1,992,838 from the state, an estimated *£90,000* to be spent on books, equipment and support staff. No money has been raised from parents: 85 per cent do not have English as their first language; of five parent governors, three cannot read or write fluently in any language.

Typical of the schools that benefit from parental generosity is Highfield School, a co-educational comprehensive in Letchworth, Hertfordshire, with 780 pupils and a full-time staff of 52. The School Association raises about £5,000 a year, of which *£1,209* was spent on *improving* computer equipment last year.

The government sets great store by the amount of support given to schools by industry, but many inner city schools receive very little. For many of them there is no local industry and gifts from charitable trusts are becoming less frequent.

James Hammond, of the Confederation of National Parent Teacher Associations, said that parents were being
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Unhealthy classrooms attacked by teachers

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SOME children are being taught in conditions that are dangerous or unhealthy, ac*cording to a survey conducted* by the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers.

The report for the association's annual conference in Bournemouth says that many *other pupils* have lessons in buildings that are dirty, have multiple defects, lack proper facilities or are chronically overcrowded. "It is hardly surprising that so many of our schools are regularly vandal*ised and attacked by their own* pupils. It is clear from our survey and the quantity of other information available that a massive building and repair programme for our schools needs to be under*taken as a matter of urgency,*" the report says.

The survey was produced through questionnaires sent to all schools. Only 554 were returned but the association says the results still expose *conditions that ought not to* exist. The condition of buildings ranged from satisfactory to "frankly abysmal".

One school in Manchester was pervaded by smells from the toilets because of inad*equate drains* discovered to be defective two years ago. Another, in Barnsley, had lost 2.5 hours of teaching time a week as classrooms were evacuated for dining facilities.

Susan Rogers, the association's new *president, said in* her opening address that schools were having to seek their own funds for educational basics and held out the prospect of "education by begging bowl" as parents were expected to find an increasing proportion of school budgets. Instead of raising money for welcome extras, schools were forming charitable trusts to provide the basics.

In more than 90 education authorities capitation allowances for schools amounted to less than a Mars bar a day for each child, she said. Schools in poorer areas could not raise enough money to offer facilities comparable to those in a wealthier environment.

Mrs Rogers said: "It has always been accepted that parents may wish to involve themselves in and support their children's education. We have welcomed whatever icing on the cake they could provide. What is happening now is quite different. Parents concerned and horrified by the school's deprivation are raising funds for essentials. This is not the icing, but the cake itself."

Schools faced privatisation by stealth, she said. At least half the country's schools were financial losers under the government's reforms. "The pressure on parents is overwhelming, the expectation is that what should be provided are *the essentials of the educa*tional experience."

Criticizing the level of public spending on education, Mrs Rogers said that in 1974, 6.5 per cent of gross domestic product went on education, compared with an expected 4.2 per cent next year. There was no consideration given to the fact that pupil numbers had reached their nadir and would soon start to rise.

Nigel de Gruchy, the associ*ation's general-secretary,* condemned threats by the National Union of Teachers to boycott tests under the national curriculum as the road to ruin and destruction. At a private session of the conference he warned delegates that they would be left unprotected if they followed the lead of the NUT. He said a boycott would lead to disciplinary action in schools and legal action by local authorities.

Militant branches have tabled a motion to be debated on Thursday, calling for a boycott. At a press conference earlier, however, Mr de Gruchy said he was confident that the move would be defeated.

Mr de Gruchy said the NUT approach was the antithesis of sensible trade unionism. It left individuals to take action with protection from their union *only after a ballot, which* might well be declared illegal. Mr de Gruchy said members of his association would not support NUT staff sacked for such action, although they would follow trade union convention in refusing to do their work.

Ronald Butt, page 10

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Opting out: Roger Sheffield, head of Langley Park School for Boys, who says that parents clearly see the advantage of grant-maintained status

NUT leader appeals to moderate members

By OUR EDUCATION EDITOR

Lesson in finances: Gordon Green, the NUT treasurer, addressing conference yesterday

AS THE moderate *leadership* of the National Union of Teachers woke yesterday to the headlines of strikes and boycotts and the condemnation of the government, the Labour Party and the other teacher organizations, they must have felt the frustration that arrives every Easter.

The union's annual conference rings to the cries of extreme left-wingers seeking industrial action to support practically every proposal. Sometimes they succeed, as in the call to support teachers *who boycott the legally re*quired testing of seven year-olds due to start in a fortnight. These political extremists are not *representatives of the* union's 176,000 members working in 20,000 primary and 4,000 secondary schools in England and Wales.

The testing boycott is likely to effect only a few schools, possibly *in inner London* and some other cities. To avoid more extreme demands the executives themselves proposed that members should be balloted on whether they are prepared to take industrial action *including* one-day strikes to support the restoration of teachers' negotiating rights, a 40 per cent pay rise over two years, a maximum primary school class of 30, and the immediate introduction of four free periods a week for primary teachers which would require an extra 20,000 teachers.

Widespread disruption is unlikely but the threat is enough to dismay parents and anger *teachers many of whom* have already left the union for quieter organizations. Dough McAvoy, in his second year as general secretary, knows that if he does not stop the rot, the union, founded 120 years ago, will face further decline. It can only be a matter of time before it loses its tag as the country's largest teachers' union.

Falling membership has put the union into considerable financial difficulty and in secret session yesterday the conference discussed proposals to transfer £1.5 million from the union's sustentation fund used to support industrial action to pay for salaries and training costs. The extreme left see this as a further weakening of the union's abil*ity to pay for long-term* action and accuse the union executive of mismanagement.

Mr McAvoy and a majority of the executive know that it is the industrial action of the early Eighties that has lead to *their present difficulties. In* 1970 the union represented 218,742 teachers, 65 per cent of the workforce. The figure rose to 258,107 in 1978, although the proportion fell to 52 per cent of all teachers. Now with *176,417* members, the NUT speaks for only 40 per cent of teachers.

The two main beneficiaries of the union's difficulties have been the Assistant Masters and Mistresses Association, which now has *130,000* members, and the non-striking Professional Association of Teachers, which has 39,000 members. A proposed merger of the two would make them almost as big as the NUT.

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, has kept in regular touch with events in Scarborough. His outright condemnation of the strike and boycott call was no off-the-cuff response.

Mr McAvoy knows that the union has to speak to the ordinary teacher over the heads of the activists. He is seeking to restore its reputation as a professional organization and to bring it more into line with Labour party policy. When he speaks to the closing session *today* he is likely to repeat his warnings that the union *can do nothing* without the support of its members, many of whom have little in common with the extremists.

Tory heartlands form the vanguard in schools revolution

By WILLIAM CASH

ONE of the surprising features of the schools revolution is the degree to which parents in the Tory heartlands, rather than those in militant Labour council areas, have embraced the cause. The Conservative education authority in Bromley, Kent, for instance, has a third of its secondary schools preparing to opt out of local authority control.

More schools may follow as Kenneth Clarke, the education secretary, increases the pressure for most secondary schools in England to become grant-maintained, receiving all their money from central government. Bromley faces becoming the first authority to lose most of its secondary schools, a prediction that leaves Joan Bryant, chairman of the council's education committee, feeling so betrayed that she is to stand down.

She believes that opting out will undo ten years of good work by replacing excellent schools with a two-tier system that benefits only the articulate and confident middle class. "We have a first-class *system in Bromley. I thought* the grant-maintained option was meant for schools in loony-left inner-city boroughs – not to destroy a *highly* efficient educational Tory borough such as Bromley," she said.

Out of 17 secondary schools in the borough, six have chosen to opt out and others are likely *to follow. The lead* was taken by Bullers Wood School for Girls, Chiselhurst, which becomes grant-maintained this term. *Ray Page,* chairman of the governors and a former deputy director of education in Bromley, said that he believed Bromley would be the first borough in the country to have all secondary *schools* opt out. *Professor* Page added that head teachers and governors would begin to see the benefits that opting out would give.

In addition to once-only payments to help schools to become grant-maintained, they also receive an extra 16 per cent to cover services previously supplied by the local authority. The sum could be £300,000 a year for a large secondary school.

Professor Page said, however, that it was the freedom to manage their own affairs and maintain the traditions of their schools that was the main driving force. There was a concern that Bromley wanted to cut back on the number of single-sex schools. "Parents want them and heads want to run them," he said.

Roger Sheffield, headmaster of the 1,000-strong Langley Park School for Boys, in *Beckenham, hopes that his* school will opt out in September. "Most parents are highly aware and can perceive the advantage clearly. They place a high value on education and quite rightly are looking for any possible advantage for *their sons," he said.*

Opting out will give Mr Sheffield about an extra *£400,000* a year, *which he says* will help to attract and keep high quality teachers and almost double the allowances of many school departments.

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UDR celebrates amid criticism

By EDWARD GORMAN, IRISH AFFAIRS CORRESPONDENT

THE locally recruited and overwhelmingly Protestant Ulster Defence Regiment yesterday celebrated its 21st anniversary amid further criticism of its role in Northern Ireland.

Four battalions of the 6,300-strong regiment, which is unique in the army because it is the only one to have been deployed solely on active operational service since its formation in 1970, are to receive their colours from the Queen later this year.

Brigadier Angus Ramsay, the UDR commander, said the regiment was a vital and integral part of the security force effort and he paid tribute to the estimated 40,000 men and women who had served in it since its inception. He said there would always be a warm and admiring welcome for Roman Catholic recruits to the regiment, which is 96 per cent Protestant. The anniversary was also an occasion for further criticism of the UDR, which has lost 190 serving and 45 former members killed over the years, but remains a thorn in the side of Anglo-Irish *relations and a signifi*cant barrier to improving confidence in the security forces in nationalist and republican areas.

Last week in his first major statement on the role of the *security forces* since becoming Roman Catholic Primate of Ireland, Dr Cahal Daly, Archbishop of Armagh, called for the UDR to be withdrawn from patrolling nationalist areas where allegations of harassment by soldiers of Catholics and collusion by the regiment with loyalist paramilitaries are a constant feature of the troubles.

Gerry Adams, president of Sinn Fein, yesterday called the UDR "a loyalist paramilitary force" which was hated and despised by nationalists and which should be disbanded.

The UDR was created after the disbandment of the B Specials in the wake of rioting in Northern Ireland in 1969. Initially it attracted up to 18 per cent Catholic membership, but by 1978 in the wake of internment, IRA intimidation and a perception among nationalists that the regiment was *simply a new version of* the Specials, that had fallen to 3-4 per cent, where it remains today. The UDR patrols over 85 per cent of Northern Ireland, leaving the regular army responsible for west Belfast, parts of Londonderry, and east Fermanagh and South Armagh. At least 16 convictions for murder (not all terrorist related), seven for manslaughter and occasional convictions of serving members for offences linked with loyalist paramilitaries, have created an image problem for the regiment.

● Two more men were arrested yesterday by detectives investigating the loyalist paramilitary murders of two teenaged Roman Catholic girls and a man in his late twenties at a mobile shop in *Craigavon last Thursday.* It brought to six the number being questioned at the RUC centre at Gough barracks, Armagh city.

Job scheme's last chance

By PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

LAST-CHANCE proposals aimed at saving a new temporary work *scheme* for the long-term unemployed are to be submitted to ministers today.

Deep divisions in Whitehall on a new temporary work scheme prevented it being announced in last month's Budget. Michael Howard, the employment secretary, says now he has "no plans at present for a temporary work scheme".

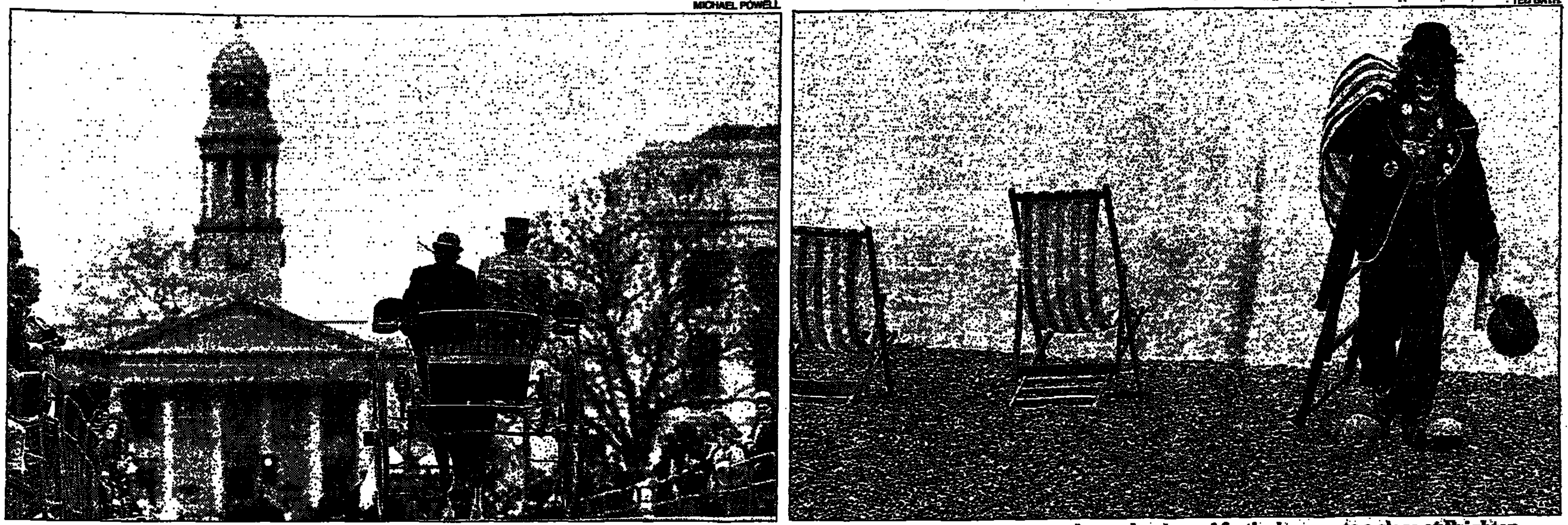
The scheme is something like the Community Programme scheme, ended by the government in 1988, which *offered socially-useful* community work in return for pay at the rate for the job. Proponents believe that the rise in long-term unemployment, now increasing for the first time *for five years, may* sooner or later force such a programme on the government. But they recognise that the scheme is not to be deferred until at least much later this year, ministers must consider last-ditch *proposals* to heal the Whitehall breaches over the plan.

The Treasury would not agree to fund the £300 million scheme after it became clear there were deep divisions *between the government's pri*vate-sector led Training and Enterprise Councils (Tecs) and the employment department's employment service over which of them should run it, and another split over *whether the* scheme needed to include a training element.

Some Treasury officials are also believed to be unhappy with what they see as the employment department's lack *of promotion of the extra* £120 million recently made over as extra funding for the Employment Training scheme for the long-term unemployed. The money partly restored cuts of about a third last autumn *in the govern*ment's training budgets.

But Full Employment UK, the independent policy consultancy which backed the idea of a new temporary work programme, is today putting *to Mr Howard new proposals* for a patched-up version of the differences.

Under the scheme suggested by Peter Ashby, a FE UK principal consultant, Tecs would have the principal responsibility to provide for people out of work for up to a year, and the Employment Service for people unemployed for longer than that.



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TED BATH

Making tracks: the end of a dull bank holiday as participants in the London Harness Horse Parade head for home yesterday and a clowns' festival comes to a close at Brighton

Policeman's killer is found hanging in his prison cell

By LIN JENKINS

MARK Gaynor, the man jailed last week for the shotgun murder of a policeman in an ambush that he set up after being jilted by a girl friend, was last night in a critical condition in hospital after being found hanging in his prison cell.

The incident comes amid government concern about the number of prisoners who commit suicide and the adequacy of jail procedures for identifying those likely to try to take their own lives.

Gaynor, aged 21, had, while awaiting trial, cut himself with a razor and threatened to put a noose round his neck, and had cut his throat in the cell under the dock during the trial, but was not seriously hurt. At the trial, his mental health was a contested issue.

Angela Rumbold, the prisons minister, last week voiced concern at the level of suicide among inmates, and announced a review of reception procedures to improve identification of incoming prisoners with suicidal tendencies.

Mr Justice Tucker, imposing life imprisonment on Gaynor with a recommendation that he serve at least 25 years, described him as "a thoroughly dangerous young man" guilty of "a most wicked, callous and cowardly act". Gaynor had been found guilty of murdering PC Laurence Brown, whom he shot in August, last year, having lured police into an ambush at Hackney, east London, after his girl friend had jilted him.

The Central Criminal Court was told that Gaynor dug up two sawn-off shotguns he had stolen, and made a false 999 call to draw police. Gaynor had grinned before firing at Mr Brown, the court was told. After his arrest, he had said to police: "Why don't you hang me for this or electrocute me?"

The case was the second time that Gaynor had faced a murder charge. The first charge was dropped by the Crown Prosecution Service and he was instead sentenced to four years' youth custody for mugging, when aged 17. He was released nine months before killing Mr Brown.

At the Central Criminal Court, Gaynor was described as violent at school, a frequent truant and a boy whose father had played no part in his upbringing. Kim Fraser, a psychiatrist for the defence, said that Gaynor had sexual and relationship problems, and was suffering from mental illness at the time of the offence. Michael Brown, a psychiatrist for the prosecution, said he was "convinced this is not a case of psychosis".

A Home Office spokesman confirmed that a prisoner had been found hanging at Wormwood Scrubs prison, in west London, yesterday. Hammersmith hospital, west London, said that Gaynor was in intensive care in a "critical, but stable condition".

More than 150 prisoners have killed themselves in jails in the past three years. At a conference last week, Mrs Rumbold said: "The stream of reports I receive on these cases has, frankly, horrified me."

☐ Prison officers at Britain's biggest top-security jail yesterday began industrial action with a warning that it was facing a staffing crisis that could lead to a Strangeways-style riot.

Warders at Wakefield prison, West Yorkshire, started action yesterday as the deadline passed for the provision of 11 extra full-time warders by the government's prison department. Bill Coleman, branch secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, yesterday said: "The prison department is playing Russian roulette with the biggest top-security jail in Europe. I hope it doesn't blow, because it will make Strangeways look like a tea party."

The association's 445 officers at the 700-inmate jail are to refuse to work more than the 42 hours in their contract or to respond to "limited alerts" from management when there are staff shortages.

Home owners' rescue scheme is launched

By CHRISTOPHER WARMAN
PROPERTY CORRESPONDENT

A HOUSING rescue package has been launched by Rochdale metropolitan borough council in an attempt to ease the plight of home owners falling into mortgage arrears and avoid repossession. The scheme, privately funded through the West Pennine housing association, has been devised by councils and housing associations in the absence of government financial help.

The package includes a pilot "mortgage to rent" scheme in which the association uses money from a bank or building society to buy the home. David Williams, a Rochdale councillor who helped to devise it, said the resident then paid off the mortgate and other debts and bought back a share of the house with the remaining money. Rent is then paid to the housing association for the rest of the house.

"In some cases this will help reduce monthly payments by more than £100, but the rental would still be high," Mr Williams said. The scheme would significantly help only those whose house is worth at least 15 per cent more than the level of debt and who have other debts on top of mortgage arrears.

Soley: up to the government to find a solution

Clive Soley, Labour's housing spokesman, said: "It should not be up to local authorities to come up with such schemes. Many of the residents who find themselves in this sort of problem are there because of the failure of government policies."

Chemical signal may attract sperm to egg

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

HUMAN ova may have the ability to attract sperm by sending out a chemical homing signal, according to a study that may lead to new approaches to infertility and contraception.

The source of the signal appears to be in the follicular fluid that surrounds the ovum [egg], though the precise substance has yet to be identified. David Garbers, of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Centre in Dallas, one of the authors of a study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, says that if the attractant can be found and purified, it might lead to treatment in some cases of infertility. A new type of contraceptive might also be developed if a way could be found to block the attractant's effect, he says.

The follicular fluid normally surrounds the ovum and is released with it at the time of ovulation. The researchers took follicular fluid from 40 women who were having ova removed for test-tube fertilisation and sperm from two fertile men.

The sperm was placed in thimble-sized containers, covered by a filter, and then either the follicular fluid or a control chemical was put on top of the filter. After 15 minutes the researchers removed the material above the filter and investigated how much sperm had swum into it.

In more than 100 tests, they found that the follicular fluid consistently accumulated more sperm than the control chemical, a buffer medium. The fluid that proved the most powerful attractant came from ova that were later successfully fertilised in a test tube. Less attractive fluids were generally found to be associated with ova that could not be fertilised.

Although the researchers found that follicular fluid consistently attracted sperm, the amount of attraction could vary from follicle to follicle within the same woman, and not all sperm responded equally. This suggests that the signal is designed to attract only the fittest sperm, they conclude.

Professor Garbers said yesterday that he believes the fluid is probably helpful but not essential for fertilisation. The close link between the fluids that proved most attractive and the eggs that proved easiest to fertilise suggests that "maybe there's more to it than that", he said.

Norbert Gleicher, president of the Centre for Human Reproduction in Chicago, said yesterday: "This is very early and obviously requires a lot of additional work but as a first step I think it's quite attractive."

The next stage would be to identify and purify the attracting substance or substances. Given the small quantities of human ova available for analysis that would be very difficult, Professor Garbers said.

Ulster split over rubbish

A monster or a family pet? Edward Gorman on the wheelie-bin controversy

FOR two years the people of Northern Ireland have been fighting a battle in their driveways, backyards and on the pavements in front of their homes against a modern menace.

The wheelie-bin, first introduced in the United Kingdom by Ards district council, Co Down, is continuing its relentless takeover of the province, banishing the old aluminium dustbins to the rubbish tip of history.

So far, it has established itself strongly in the east of the province and has a 50 per cent hold in Belfast which, within a year, is expected to succumb completely. There are now around five million "plastic perils" throughout the United Kingdom with a possible 20 million more on their way.

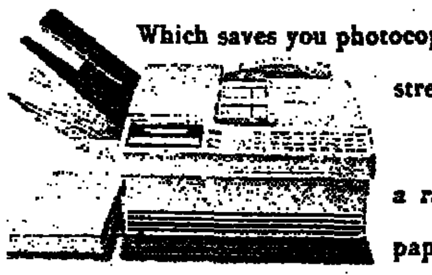
In Northern Ireland the wheelie-bin remains a source of huge controversy. BBC Radio Ulster's daily *Talk Back* programme, a soapbox on which the pressing issues of the day are discussed, devoted an entire 50-minute Easter Monday programme to the wheelie-bin question. It was only partly a lighthearted April Fool's Day diversion. Callers offered a wide range of opinions. One listener described the wheelie-bin it as a "monster sitting out the back"; another as "a sort of family pet".

The wheelie-bin started life in the 1930s in France, spread throughout Europe and can now be seen as far afield as Oslo, Hong Kong or Singapore. In Northern Ireland a hotline, set up to deal with complaints and worries about the wheelie-bin, receives up to 120 calls a day.

The bin has been the subject of poetry and songwriting. A Belfast pop group called "No Hot Ashes", in the bin's honour, recorded a song entitled "Don't drag my name around". A spokesman for Ian Paisley's Democratic Unionist party said the march of the wheelie-bin across the province was part of a secret unionist conspiracy against nationalists to finally silence Roman Catholic housewives who traditionally bang metal bin lids on the anniversary of internment in August.

Critics say the bins are expensive and unsightly, especially when left out for collection. They are difficult to clean and difficult to drag or push; they fall over when it is windy, and are useless with hot ashes.

The pro-wheelie-bin faction say the bins save money, time and mess; reduce absenteeism because refuse collection staff suffer fewer back injuries and hold more than the old aluminium bins.



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Arts Council says Renton has accepted funds plan

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

TIM Renton, the arts minister, has accepted the Arts Council's recommendations on the delegation of funds to regional arts boards, the council is expected to announce today. Local authorities will be relieved that an 18-month saga over the delegation policy is nearing an end.

The policy has been subjected to almost constant review. The Arts Council has come up with detailed proposals based on an outline from Mr Renton. It is that plan, a revision of its original scheme, that the council will claim today has been accepted by the minister.

Mr Renton's dossier for change includes a new list of clients that will be devolved from direct Arts Council funding to funding by the ten new arts boards. He told the Arts Council to tear up an earlier list. He also altered the proposed structure of the arts boards, which will replace the 12 regional arts associations by April 1993 and which will be jointly funded by the Arts Council and local authorities.

The allocation of seats on the boards, however, is still causing some anger among local authorities. A year ago Richard Luce, then arts minister, said the boards could be 24-strong, with up to half the members coming from local authorities. His successor, David Mellor, reduced the size to 12, with only a third coming from local authorities. Mr Renton has eased the limit on the boards' overall size but has still limited local council membership to a third.

Leicestershire county council is withholding £10,000 of its £54,000 contribution to East Midlands Arts, (EMA), and will cut more next year, because it has been offered only one seat. Leicester city council's £8,000 share also earns it a seat.

Jim Roberts, a Labour county councillor who chaired Leicestershire's working party on ways of disbursing and increasing the county's £13.5 million annual arts budget, said: "Leicestershire is a hung council. When all three parties could each have a place on EMA there was no controversy over the arts budget. Now there will be."

The minister did not understand the local situation. "He assumes that the money we are withholding will be lost to the arts, but it won't: it will go to our own new arts projects fund, which needs to be increased from the £60,000 it stands at now."

Mr Roberts feared that the council's previously warm relationship with the director of East Midlands Arts would become difficult. "We feel we have been betrayed by various ministers starting with Mellor. The old regional association is working perfectly well. It seems to us that if it works, don't fix it."

When Mr Mellor made his announcement, Humberside county council threatened to co-ordinate a concerted local authority withdrawal of funds from the new Yorkshire and Humberside board, but it has negotiated a better position with Mr Renton. Even so, 17 district councils in Humberside believe they should be entitled to more than the one seat they have been collectively offered.

Andrew Milne, director of Eastern Arts, the first new board to emerge, said the transition had been "compromised time and again by the stop-go nature" of the delegation of funds. The new Eastern Arts covers the largest of the ten regions stretching from Norfolk west to Hertfordshire and taking in half of the old Lincolnshire and Humberside region as well as East Anglia. All 57 local authorities in the region have pledged fealty.

Television dominates home life

By ALICE THOMSON

THE British conduct much of their lives with one eye on the television, according to an NOP survey published today. Fifty-nine per cent eat with the television on, a third read, a quarter sleep or nap, a fifth do housework and two million admit to making love in front of a switched-on set, although women are half as likely to admit this as men.

Over 98 per cent of people have access to a television set, and, according to the survey, television forms a vital part of their leisure time, whether planned or unplanned. The average Briton spends 17 hours a week watching television, and 7 per cent of people watch it for more than 11 hours a day. It is the only leisure activity of five million people, with women and pensioners spending most time in front of the box.

Many Britons prefer the company of pets to that of their family and friends when watching favourite programmes. More than 8.5 million pets watch television with their owners, while five million people watch television with their friends.

After money and housework, choice of programme is the most common cause of family argument. Nearly nine million people admit to arguing about programme selection.

More than four million are watching more television this year to take their mind off the recession. One in four mothers uses television to occupy the children and 23 per cent of people use it just to fill in time.

Fifty per cent of people say they could not live without a television set. Most people think that "people rely on television too much", although few admit to being in that category themselves.

Television viewing dominates most people's leisure time, with 59 per cent "making an effort to watch" *Coronation Street* or *EastEnders* each week.

Other cultural pursuits are largely neglected, with only 17 per cent of the population spending more than three hours a week reading and only 6 per cent going to the theatre. Forty-three per cent of people claim not to participate in any exercise, but 47 per cent of people spend up to three hours a week "looking around the shops". Gardening is popular, with 32 per cent spending up to three hours on it, and a third of the population say they do nothing at all for at least three hours a week.

DENZIL McNEELANCE

Eye-catching: Tiffany Stanford, aged 21, of Birmingham, was the focus of attention yesterday after being named Miss Beautiful Eyes 1991 by the British Safety Council. She will visit firms to emphasise the need for eye protection

The Bar draws up battle lines on new freer advocacy rights

The government's legal reforms paved the way for breaking lawyers' monopolies. Their impact depends on the next round between solicitors and barristers, led by Lord Griffiths. **Frances Gibb** reports

IN THE unlikely setting of the eighth floor of the Millbank Tower, central London, work starts today on dismantling the restrictive practices that have distinguished the legal profession for the past two centuries.

Although the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 is now on the statute book, the work of deciding to what extent solicitor-advocates, or others, should be allowed into the Bar's preserve of the higher courts falls to a committee of lawyers and lay people.

This committee, appointed by the Lord Chancellor and chaired by Lord Griffiths, the law lord, is at the centre of a complex consultative machinery which will approve rules on the exercise of the new advocacy rights. "It really is a major restructuring of the legal profession," Lord Griffiths says. "The government has passed the buck to us."

Broadly, the more restrictive the rules, the fewer solicitors who will opt to practise in the higher courts and the more limited the impact of breaking the Bar's monopoly.

Battle lines have been drawn. The Bar has published five criteria it insists must govern all advocates. These include the cab-rank rule, which obliges advocates to take any case that comes along, including any legal aid case; and the requirement that advocates should not both prepare a case and present it in court, as solicitors do now in the magistrates' courts.

Lord Griffiths will not preempt his committee's work. But he is clearly unsympathetic to needless restrictions. He does not believe, for instance, that advocates in the higher courts must be independent practitioners who are not in partnership. "It is not my view to take entrenched attitudes; it would run quite contrary to the spirit of the act," he says. "Certainly it is not my view that nobody should be given rights of audience unless they are sole practitioners."

The cab-rank rule, he accepts, is one of the hardest issues. Although the act contains a general cab-rank principle, the Bar wants a tighter version imposed on solicitor-advocates, preventing them refusing legal aid work on grounds of cost.

"There may be a powerful argument for saying that Parliament has defined the principle, and it is not for the committee to advise any further extension," Lord Griffiths says. Instead, it would be open to an advocate who offered legal services under tighter rules to "hold himself out as offering a wider and more attractive service to the public," he argues.

The most difficult question, however, is likely to be whether lawyers in the Crown Prosecution Service, and the government legal service generally, should be granted advocacy rights in the higher courts. The Bar fiercely opposes that: all crown court work is now put out by the CPS to the self-employed Bar. Loss of crown court prosecution work would be a big blow.

The Bar also argues that it raises the spectre of a state prosecution service. However, Sir Patrick Mayhew, QC, the Attorney General, and Sir Allan Green, QC, director of public prosecutions, favour extending advocacy rights to all lawyers in the service.

Overall, Lord Griffiths believes the Bar "will survive in much the same form as it is, as a specialist service. I think it will be much more economic for a solicitor to turn to the Bar for its services than to try to run such a specialist service within its own firm."

He sees scope, however, in removing some barriers between the two branches. He has called on them to produce a common code of conduct but wide differences remain. The way forward, he suggests, might be for a common core code with different details for the two camps. He also has sympathy with a common training for all lawyers with people opting for one branch or the other at the end.

Law lord with love of court drama

WHEN Lord Griffiths is not sitting as a member of the highest court in the land, he is embroiled in the controversy over whether women should be admitted to the Marylebone Cricket Club (Frances Gibb writes).

As club president, he will soon oversee a postal ballot of its 17,000 members on the question. "But I am not going to give you a hint of my own views," he says. Lawyers who know his liberal-tending views on reforms of the legal profession will hazard their own guesses.

Lord Griffith has been a law lord since 1985 but has a host of other duties, including chairmanship of the Security Commission and of the Thalidomide Trust. "I don't accept the criticism that judges live in ivory towers totally out of touch with society," he says. "I know people say we are all old and middle-to-upper class, but we still have broad experience of life and through our children keep in touch with reality."

Lord Griffiths's background is not out of step with the commonly-accepted image. He was at school at Charterhouse, and after war service and St John's College, Cambridge, was called to the Bar in 1949. He was appointed a High Court judge in 1971 and a Court of Appeal judge in 1980.

He has an interest in legal reform but admits to a love of the criminal law. "I miss the drama of the courtroom very much. I honestly preferred being a trial judge [to a law lord]. First, the whole thing was alive, there was the excitement in that you did not know how the story was going to end. I draw the anomaly that a trial judge is like a doctor with a living patient; the appeal court the pathologist, trying to find out what the patient died of, all laid out cold in front of it."

Sceptical readers prove that they are nobody's fool

By ROBIN YOUNG

THERE are some people who never believe what they read in newspapers. Yesterday the newspapers set out to prove them right.

The *Daily Mirror* aske[illegible] readers to believe that [illegible] entists had c[illegible]ssed a c[illegible]n with a monk[illegible] produce a "chickpanzee". [illegible]e *Daily Star* claimed that a Hampshire farmer was gleaning Common Market grants by diversifying into raising crops of Cabbage Patch dolls while the *Daily Mail* reported that Stonehenge was to be resited because its heel stone was out of line with the sun on midsummer's day.

The trouble with stories like these, concocted to coincide with the advent of April, is that they tend to cast doubt on the stranger than fiction truths which are newspapers' daily staple.

The Times, for instance, yesterday had a front page story that a former hairdresser from Hartlepool had used chemistry learnt doing perms to develop a material able to withstand a simulated nuclear flash. So many readers were disinclined to believe it that the duty editors felt obliged to append a note in later editions reassuring readers: "This report is not an April fool."

The Daily Telegraph attached a similar warranty to its science reports. It was probably necessary since one was about self-fleecing sheep which have to wear hairnets to stop their wool falling off prematurely while another claimed that Greece has stretched by more than a metre during the past century, making the marathon a longer race.

Other reports which were similarly vouched for covered the distribution in Scotland of seed of a fast-growing plant developed in America to speed up botany classes in schools; a threat to the international guano fertiliser industry arising from changes in ocean currents; and a scheme to add sound effects such as birdsong and babbling brooks to computer systems.

Readers were still left to wonder about the veracity of a front page claim that America in 1930 drew up plans for a war to eliminate the British Empire as a trading rival (true), an inside page piece about the agriculture ministry funding research into using lupin flour for food (true), and a feature [illegible]ing that next year's Acad[illegible]y awards will include an [illegible] for best performing animal (surely not?).

The Guardian offered a lengthy and suitably tedious profile of the prime minister's "oldest friend and newest guru", Dr David Humphry, a man with 31 cardigans. *The Independent* produced Arthur Wynd, a smallholder from Mid-Glamorgan who planned to make the Queen take a DNA test to prove that he was the rightful heir to the throne. His mother, the paper said, had called him Wynd in the hope that people would call him "Mr Wynd, sir".

Even the *Morning Star* succumbed, with a tale about John Major and George Bush unveiling a scheme for a transatlantic job swap scheme for government ministers.

Nor was the press alone in its dementia. On BBC Radio 4 the *Today* team served up an elaborate hoax, with contributions from the former prime minister Edward Heath and pop star Phil Collins, claiming that the Radio 1 disc-jockey Simon Bates, was to join the cabinet as Minister for Pop.

Lest anyone is still in doubt one must add that seven reports on page five of yesterday's *Times* were not to be taken too literally. There is no one-way traffic scheme to banish hold-ups on the M25, gardeners must wait a little longer for slow-growing grass, people trying to extract gold from daffodils will be wasting their time, the producers of Beefeater Gin are not really insisting that the European Community should make milk bottles square, there is no liquid which will instantly melt snowdrifts on railway lines, Paul Gascoigne of Tottenham Hotspur is not to be sold to a company in which the public will be invited to take eight million shares at £1 each, and David Niven and John Lennon are not among the candidates for Poets' Corner.

Today's paper, though, can be taken on trust as usual.

Smash and grab: the wrecked club house at Liphook golf club on the Sussex-Hampshire border after thieves used a stolen bulldozer early yesterday to smash down a brick wall and wrench clear a safe, containing £2,000 in bar takings, which was bolted to the floor. The bulldozer, stolen from a roadwork site, was then used to hoist the safe into a lorry. Another safe was wrenched from the floor but ignored by the gang. It did not contain money. Barry Morgan, club secretary, said damage would run into thousands of pounds

Date of general election hangs on local poll result

By ROBIN OAKLEY, POLITICAL EDITOR

Decision-makers: Parkinson, Tebbit and Patten

POLITICAL parties are gearing themselves up for an all-out effort this month in the lead-up to the contest which will determine whether there is a June general election.

On May 2 more than 30 million Britons living outside Scotland and London will have the chance to vote in the biggest test of political opinion since the last general election.

A sophisticated computer analysis of the results in local authority elections that day, working out the ramifications of votes in every ward in terms of parliamentary seats, will be presented rapidly to Chris Patten, the Conservative party chairman. He will then recommend to John Major whether he should launch a June election to win a mandate of his own or whether he should damp down election expectations at least until the autumn.

In 1983 and in 1987 Tory chairmen Cecil Parkinson and Norman Tebbit were able to use the local government results to urge Mrs Thatcher to press the Go button. This time the decision is likely to be less clear cut.

More than 12,000 council seats are at stake with all-out elections in 185 English shire districts, and a third of the council being contested in the other 111. In the 36 metropolitan authorities a third of the seats are being contested. In Welsh councils there are 33 all-out contests, with a third of the seats being contested in the other four. The Conservatives will be defending about 5,200 seats and Labour 3,075. The Liberals took 1,276 in 1987 and the now near-extinct SDP 468. In addition, independents took 2,094 and Plaid Cymru 89.

Even with no contests in Scotland and London the results will cover 475 of the 650 (651 next time) parliamentary constituencies. But all parties are being coy about their hopes. All are trying to belittle their expectations so that any apparent advance can be used to create pre-election momentum, and the results will not initially be easy to read. When the same seats were contested four years ago Labour did poorly, losing 227 seats overall. The Conservatives did reasonably well, picking up an additional 75 seats. But the Liberal/SDP Alliance prospered, with 453 gains.

Other parties and independents lost 301 seats between them. The Conservatives gained control of 18 councils and lost control in 15, Labour gained seven and lost ten and the Alliance won five and lost two. The crucial figure is the share of the vote each obtained nationally. The Tories took 41 per cent, Labour 31 and the SDP/Liberal Alliance, which tends to perform better in local elections than in national elections, had 27 per cent.

The national figures in the subsequent general election, called after Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher and the Conservative central office computer had digested those results, were: Conservatives 43, Labour 32 and Lib Dem Alliance 23.

When those council seats were last contested in 1987 the Tories stood at 43 per cent in the opinion polls, Labour at 30 and the SDP/Liberal Alliance at 25. Their respective poll standing now is Conservatives 40, Labour 40, Liberal Democrats 16. So both main parties should be able to make advances at the expense of the Liberal Democrats, with Labour making inroads, too, into the 1987 Tory vote.

However, in last year's local elections the Liberal Democrats held on to most previous gains, despite having slumped to only 6 per cent support in national opinion polls. A recent *Sunday Times* survey showed that in February the Liberal Democrats, even before the boost to their national standing from the Ribble Valley by-election and from Paddy Ashdown's performance during the Gulf war, had edged Labour into third place in local council by-elections. They took 30 per cent of the vote to 29.5 per cent for Labour in the February contests, with the Tories showing strongly on 39 per cent.

On that performance the Conservatives, for all their poll tax traumas, were running ahead of their showing in local government by-elections in the same month four years ago, and should therefore expect to pick up more council seats next month. But Labour's standing nationally is considerably stronger now than four years ago and it would be a big disappointment for Walworth Road planners if they failed to make significant advances.

If the Tories lose about 100 seats in the May elections they would be running neck and neck with Labour, as the latest opinion polls suggest, and would be unlikely to risk a June election. But Tory gains of 200 seats or more would be tempting for Mr Major, suggesting that he could go to the country in June and win.

The difficulty in programming those Tory computers is the Liberal Democrat factor. The Liberal Democrats may well poll better once again in local elections than their national poll figures suggest.

If they do, then who should be considered the likely beneficiary in a parliamentary election of any votes which might detach from them to the main parties in a national election?

Highest pub toasts return to Yorkshire

By RONALD FAUX

A WIND from Slatepit Moss lashing stair-rods of rain against the old walls of the Tan Hill Inn, Britain's highest public house, failed to dampen the celebrations going on inside yesterday. A wrong had been righted. A boundary had been adjusted and, at a stroke of the boundary draughtsman's pen, Tan Hill, 125 lonely acres and nine citizens were returned to Yorkshire.

"Not before time," Margaret Baines, the landlady, declared as the Muker Silver Band gave a rendition of Yorkshire tunes, the pub choir sang their version of *On Ilkley Moor*, and enormous Yorkshire puddings were served by waitresses sporting white roses. "Tan Hill hasn't known where it was since they revised the boundaries 17 years ago," Mrs Baines said. "It's a Yorkshire pub but they changed the boundary without thinking and we became part of County Durham."

Tan Hill, at 1,732ft, was returned to Yorkshire because servicing the exposed road that links it to the outside world became too much of a headache for Durham's highways department whose vehicles had to drive through North Yorkshire to reach it.

Walter Appleton, former snow plough driver, welcomed the change. It was a grand pub, he said, that always gave a Yorkshire welcome. "In the old days, they kept the fire going all day. They had to it was that cold," he said. He had known days when he had struggled to Tan Hill with his plough and the building had disappeared beneath snow drifts. "There were days when the landlord would have to escape through a bedroom window to dig a way down to his own front door."

Mrs Baines said that in her first winter, Tan Hill, was snow bound for six weeks. Tan Hill was like no other pub, she said, but people preferred somewhere out of the ordinary. Its passing trade includes hikers on the Pennine Way, which passes 100 yards from the front door.

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Special car tax may be abolished to increase sales

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

THE special car tax of 10 per cent is likely to be abolished by the government to lower the price of new cars and to revive sales affected by high interest rates and recession.

Motor industry analysts believe that the Chancellor will be able to raise enough revenue from his Budget measures to replace the £1.6 billion a year raised by the tax.

Car makers and dealers say that the tax is discriminatory and, with VAT, takes government revenue from every new car to 27.3 per cent. The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders appealed to the Chancellor to abolish the tax this year, but it is understood that the Treasury was unwilling to act too quickly until the higher taxation on company car users, duty on fuel and extra VAT take effect.

However, Norman Lamont seems certain to act soon, particularly as the tax could be regarded within the European Community as unfair to British buyers after the opening of the single market, which will include tax harmonisation proposals. Tax on new cars in Germany is 14 per cent and in France, 22 per cent. With taxes on British cars among the highest in the EC, Mr Lamont will probably want to abolish the tax independently and before a potentially embarrassing dispute with European commissioners.

BRS Car Lease, one of Britain's biggest suppliers of company cars, estimates that the Budget tax increases on company car users now gives Mr Lamont the financial flexibility to abolish the special car tax. Paul Bates, the firm's general manager, said that government revenue from a typical £9,000 company car before the Budget was £2,038, including the special car tax. Since the Budget, and including the new 17.5 per cent VAT rates and cash from employers' national insurance contributions on company cars, the government's income from the same car would be raised to £2,196, even excluding the special tax.

"With the government realising that future EC taxation will force the abolition of this tax, it appears to be taking measures now that will recoup lost income and allow it to drop the tax before it has to do so," Mr Bates said.

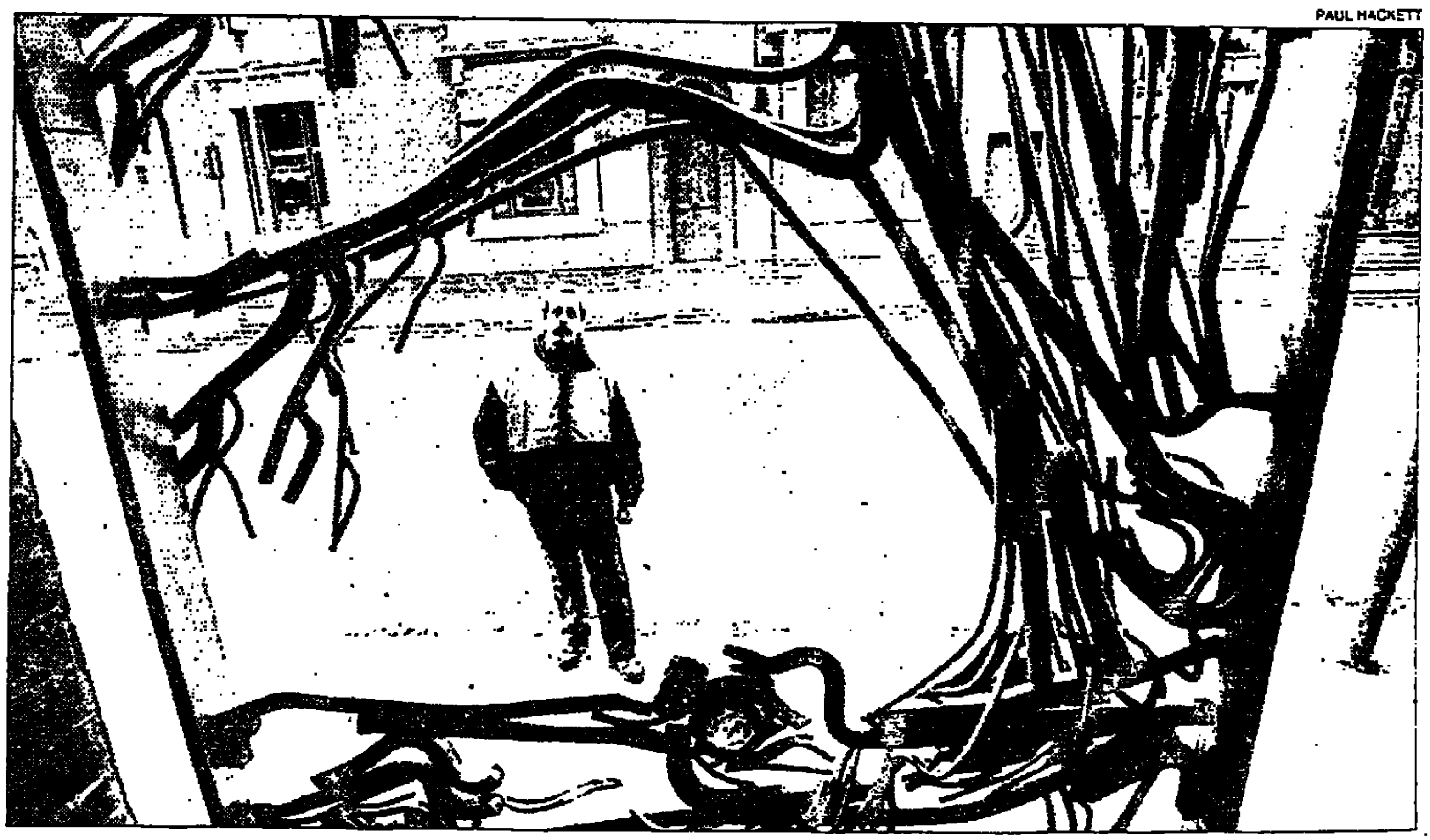
The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders believes that the special car tax keeps prices artificially high and has told Mr Lamont that unless it is abolished, British car makers will be at a serious competitive disadvantage. So far this year sales of new cars are down by 23 per cent and manufacturers want to see encouragement to bring customers back into the showrooms.

The society said: "No other major vehicle producing country singles out cars for such a discriminatory tax and abolition is essential if the UK industry is to operate on the level playing field in the single European market. Unless some action is taken, the tax burden on cars will be increasingly out of line with other EC countries where taxes on cars will fall as VAT rates are cut to 20 per cent or below."

Abolishing the tax would also help car makers who are likely to face criticism over their pricing policies when a Monopolies and Mergers Commission enquiry reports later this year. The commission is investigating consumer group claims that car prices are as much as a third higher in Britain than in some other EC countries. Early indications are that evidence is piling up against the manufacturers.

The Consumers' Association, which has given evidence to the enquiry, said yesterday that it had reopened its investigation into car pricing because of allegations that British-built Nissan cars cost 20 per cent more in Britain than on the Continent.

PAUL HACKETT



Troubled gates: John Green, a street cleaner, gazes at a sculpture chosen by the Prince of Wales which has drawn the ire of Birmingham council's planning commitee. It is to consider demanding the removal of the sculpture, chosen to complement the renovation of a Georgian building in the city's Jewellery Quarter (Robin Young writes).

The sculpture, a 12ft high pair of gates made in wrought iron and glass set so that one is permanently open and the other always closed, is intended to represent the Tree of Life. The Duchy of Cornwall paid £25,000 to set it up as part of the £3.5 million redevelopment of the Jewellery Quarter, a conservation area in the city centre.

Local traders and building workers have likened the sculpture to a pile of junk or the gates of a scrapyard. There may be a vengeful side to the comments, for the prince had earlier upset Birmingham with some outspoken judgments. He compared the city's new central library to an installation for burning books, and declared that the £150 million International Convention Centre, which opens today, resembled a concrete missile silo.

Frank McLoughlin, chairman of the Birmingham planning committee, said yesterday: "The design for this sculpture is pretty awful. It looks like it was done off the back of a fag packet. If other councillors share my view that it does not enhance what is an important conservation area we could take enforcement action to have it removed."

Mr McLoughlin said that members of the public had suggested that the gates would be better consigned to scrap metal merchants.

European police forum proposed

By STEWART TENDLER, CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE setting up of a European police forum to allow senior officers to meet to discuss issues such as drugs, crime or traffic will be proposed at an *annual Interpol meeting in London* this week.

The meeting is being held for the first time in London and the 100 officers will include delegates from the Soviet Union, Czechoslovakia and Poland, which have joined Interpol in the past six months. Of the 32 countries eligible to join, only Albania is still not a member.

The plan for a police forum is being proposed by the British delegation in a paper presented by Roger Birch, chief constable of Sussex and the head of a police initiative on better European co-operation. The paper comes in the wake of a pilot project at Interpol headquarters at Lyons last year when a seminar on dealing with disasters attracted police from all EC countries and from Scandinavia. The plan proposes using Interpol headquarters as "neutral ground" for three or four meetings a year concentrating *on EC countries, but which could include other European* nations. The meetings would give different forces the chance to make personal contacts, develop common strategies and identify new international crime problems.

The forum would make it possible to discuss issues raised by the Euopean parliament, the council of ministers and the Trevi group which covers areas such as security. Police in western Europe have also begun pondering the consequences of the lifting of the Iron Curtain. Once internal EC frontiers come down next year no one knows how the borders between east and west will operate or how they will cope with the many immigrants who might want to travel west.

Art worth £150,000 is stolen

Police in the Irish Republic were yesterday investigating the theft of a private art collection worth more than £150,000 from a country house in Co Wexford.

The thieves broke into Kerlogue House, near Wexford, while the owner was away at the weekend. They cut 14 paintings from their frames and also stole jewellery and silverware worth £50,000. Most of the pictures were by Irish artists but there were several Dutch and English works. Police said that the haul could have been smuggled into Britain from the nearby port of Rosslare.

Driver attacked

A motorist was attacked by four muggers at Plymouth after he stopped to help their accomplice, a woman who lay in the road pretending to be hurt, police said yesterday. He managed to fight off the men.

Children saved

Antonio Delduca, aged 33, caught his three young children after his wife, Annesta, dropped them 30ft from a window of his burning home at Scunthorpe yesterday. Mrs Delduca, aged 31, jumped to safety.

Women allowed

The Working Men's Conservative club at Romsey in Hampshire has decided to admit women members, but they will be banned from the snooker room and bar.

Foetus found

A human foetus has been found in a wooden box buried in a field near Totnes, Devon, police said yesterday.

Search for FBI-style director

By OUR CRIME CORRESPONDENT

THE Home Office has begun the search for a top police officer to head the national criminal intelligence service due to start early next year.

The £57,000-plus post of director is offered on a contract for three to five years. The Home Office wants a chief constable or an assistant commissioner from the Metropolitan police, probably with senior CID experience and a grasp of computer systems, to head the service, which could become a British version of the FBI.

The service, which will keep computerised records of national and local intelligence, will provide British police with a central contact with Interpol. It will gather information on drug trafficking, money laundering, fraud, paedophilia, football hooligans, international crime and art thefts and will control an international network of police or Customs liaison officers in foreign capitals.

Candidates, who must apply by April 12, could include Anthony Mullett, West Mercia chief constable and chairman of the association of chief police officers' crime committee, John Burrow, Essex chief constable, and David Owen, chief constable of North Wales, president of the association of chief police officers and a former detective chief superintendent. William Taylor, an assistant commissioner, and John Evans, chief constable of Devon and Cornwall and head of the new Birmingham Six inquiry, could be among younger applicants.

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Albania's fear of change casts shadow on first free poll

Opposition anger as communists claim victory

From JOHN HOLLAND IN TIRANA

Outside chance: Albanians waiting at the gates of the Democratic party headquarters for news of how the opposition, led by Sali Berisha, right, fared in the polls

IN MOST of the world it is known as April Fool's Day but in Albania it is referred to as the Day of Lies — a dangerously apt description of the opinion in some radical pro-democracy quarters which are reeling in disbelief at the size of the democratic opposition's loss to the ruling communists in Sunday's first free election since the second world war.

Albania's communists formally claimed victory yesterday as an angry pro-democracy crowd shouted "Democracy, democracy" and "Down with the communists!" outside the headquarters of the defeated main opposition party in Tirana.

The Democratic Party leaders tried to put a positive light on their overall defeat. Sali Berisha, the president of the party, told the noisy but non-violent crowd of 3,000 chanting supporters outside party headquarters that they should be patient.

"Brothers and sisters, if we have not yet achieved total victory [a boast he had made to journalists a day before] then I promise we will have one in several months."

With initial unofficial results in, the communists have taken about 156 of the new parliament's 250 seats while the main opposition Democratic Party appears to have won about 74 seats, with the rest going to smaller parties. Around six seats will be decided in a second poll on April 14.

However, in an image setback which could haunt them, the communist president, Ramiz Alia, was defeated in his bid for re-election to the parliament by an obscure engineer from the main opposition Democratic Party.

Some Western diplomats said local authorities in the port city of Durres and the coastal town of Kavaja, where pro-democracy riots first broke out last year, were preparing for possible violence after the apparent communist victory.

In a number of larger cities the Democratic Party won solid victories, but it was not enough to overcome communist dominance in the poor rural areas, where sentimental loyalty to "Comrade Enver" — the former dictator, Enver Hoxha — is strong.

These remote mountain villages and hamlets which ring the eastern half of the country in a crescent stretching from the Yugoslav border down to the Greek frontier, appear to have scuttled any chance that Albania will move quickly to destroy the remnants of Hoxha's repressive legacy.

In individual districts the communists' top figures did poorly. President Alia lost his seat to an obscure engineer from the Democratic Party by the name of Framo Keroqe. Equally embarrassing, the communist prime minister and foreign minister, Fatmos Nano and Muhammad Kaplani, appeared to be heading for run-off elections after failing to secure a majority of votes.

In Mr Alia's case this is not expected to make much difference, as the newly drafted constitution allows for a non-parliamentarian to be elected president. But this could lead to tremendous animosity in the pro-democracy stronghold in the west of the country, Western diplomats suggest. Much of the anger of the radical element within the democratic movement has been directed at Hoxha's dismal economic legacy, which has made Albania Europe's poorest country. Had it not been for the riots and demonstrations of the last six months, Mr Alia appeared all too ready to continue Hoxha's rigid system.

Despite the fact that the election was hastily organised and campaigning was far too brief for a country with little previous experience, independent election observers said fraud and manipulation were minimal considering the fact that nearly everything had to be done by hand and transmitted on a rickety telephone.

Some Western observers shrugged off the election results as a lack of a developed and informed political culture, but it appeared true that voter loyalty to the Party of Labour owed as much to the country's conservatism and communist patronage, as well as the traditional fear of change, as it did to a genuine lack of information about the alternatives to communism.

Serb area severs link with Croatia

By OUR FOREIGN STAFF

REBEL Serbs yesterday declared that their region was leaving the republic of Croatia to join neighbouring Serbia, threatening to provoke fresh ethnic violence in the Yugoslav federation.

A council representing the Serbian minority in Croatia made the announcement after meeting near the Croatian tourist resort of Plitvice, where two people died on Sunday in gun battles between Serbs and Croats. "The Serbian autonomous region of Krajina is joining the republic of Serbia," a statement by the executive council of the region, which includes Plitvice, declared.

The council's president, Milan Babic, said all volunteer defence units in Krajina had been mobilised "to defend Serbian independence". Yugoslav army tanks and Croatian riot police patrolled roads around Plitvice yesterday while armed Serbs blocked other roads with trees and rocks. On Sunday the Yugoslav presidency ordered federal army units to try to maintain a ceasefire and federal troops in Croatia were put on high combat readiness.

For months Yugoslavia has been on the brink of civil war, but never as close as after Sunday's shootings. The violence threatens to ignite unrest in several towns in Croatia dominated by Serbs.

The Croatian leader, Franjo Tudjman, has repeatedly accused Serbia of fomenting unrest in Croatia.

French rioting spreads to Lyons

Paris — Youths set alight cars and fought running battles with riot police in a multiracial district of Lyons in further signs of discontent felt by children of immigrant families in the desolate tower blocks around French cities (John Phillips writes). Trouble began when police tried to arrest youths of North African origin who were using stolen cars for a joy-riding "rodeo".

Michel Delebarre, the minister for towns, will this week meet community leaders from Sartrouville, the Parisian suburb where rioting broke out last week after a youth was shot dead.

Minister goes

Lima — General Adolfo Alvarado, the Peruvian interior minister widely criticised for setbacks in the anti-guerrilla war and alleged human rights abuses, has resigned, the president's office said. *(Reuter)*

Tactical buff

Rome — Ilona "Cicciolina" Staller, the porn star turned politician, said she was leaving the Italian parliament in an effort to prevent early elections. The blonde MP was elected in 1987. *(AP)*

Rebel victory

Nairobi — Southern Sudanese rebels claimed the capture of Rokom, a town near Juba, the southern provincial capital. In a broadcast monitored in Kenya, the Sudan People's Liberation Army said it overran the garrison on Sunday.

Gorbachev woos the armed forces

From BRUCE CLARK
IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Gorbachev, his popularity damaged by food shortages and economic problems, has moved to reassure the army and shift some of the blame for price rises on to authorities in the republics.

The Soviet leader, who according to the latest opinion poll is trusted by only one Muscovite in five, told a weekend meeting of the Communist movement in the armed forces that equipping the military and providing it with better living standards were top priority tasks.

In remarks reported prominently by *Pravda*, Mr Gorbachev promised: "We will not allow anybody to underestimate the role of the army." He added: "The condition of the armed forces ... and the provision of the army and navy with modern weaponry are viewed as the highest concerns of the state."

His speech coincided with hawkish official commentaries on defence and East-West relations, underlining the hardline lobby's influence. These include a warning in *Pravda* that, unless problems over disarmament are solved, superpower relations could return to the level before the Malta summit of December 1989, when the Cold War was effectively pronounced over.

The prospect of working-class rage over the price rises coming into effect this morning appeared to lie behind another presidential message publicised yesterday — a stiff note to republican governments accusing them of setting prices at levels higher than those agreed with the central authorities. As bread ran short in Moscow shops, Mr Gorbachev instructed the leaders of the 15 republics to cut excessive prices, blamed by a Tass commentary on the "short-sighted policies" of local governments.

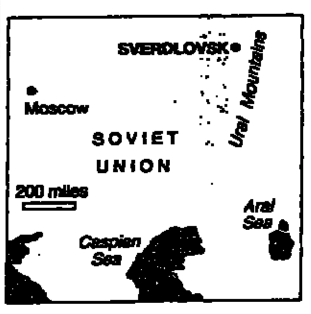
Soviet shoppers stock up to beat price rises

From MARY DEJEVSKY IN SVERDLOVSK

SVERDLOVSK, formerly Yekaterinburg, has three claims to fame. First, it is the place where the last tsar and his family were exiled and murdered. Second, renamed after the man who ordered the murder, it is the birthplace and political fiefdom of Boris Yeltsin, the Russian leader, and, third, last month it was the only city in Russia to vote "no" in the referendum on a renewed Soviet Union.

If the Kremlin's swingeing price rises for everything, including bread, are accepted without trouble in Sverdlovsk, the odds are that they will be accepted everywhere else. The reason is that this industrial city of more than 5.5 million people is also one of the worst supplied in a country where shortages are a way of life.

"How do you expect a city that has not seen butter for three months, and where meat deliveries are few and far between, to vote for the union?" a local deputy asked.



Stockpiling was underway throughout the Soviet Union yesterday as people stayed away from work to queue for basic foods before the price rises, averaging 60 per cent but in some cases approaching 300 per cent, come into effect today. The demand reached such proportions that bread rationing was introduced in some regions. Bread is usually the most abundant item in the Soviet diet.

To offset the increases, the central government began paying compensation last month. Students receive 60 roubles (£60 at the official rate); families are paid 40 roubles for each child aged under 16. The extra money, however, will scarcely soften the blow. The average monthly salary is about 270 roubles.

Anyone travelling on Sunday's 5.35pm Moscow-to-Sverdlovsk flight would not have been encouraged. Looking at one of the six or so dogs that had been brought aboard, a lively young woman said wistfully: "I wish I were a dog — at least you would be fed."

Yesterday may go down in history as the Soviet Union's last cheap shopping day ever. Everywhere people seemed intent on spending their last roubles, confident that they will never worth as much again.

At a central food shop, jars of pomegranate juice, dried sunflower seeds and apple puree were all that remained. Queues of a hundred or more stood for "stewing meat" at one rouble for about 2lb and half the individual monthly meat coupon.

Two other queues, no shorter, waited for sour cream: one for jars (of which there is a nationwide shortage), the second for the cream itself. For each customer the assistants painstakingly snipped out the meat and milk coupons from a multicoloured rations sheet.

To compound the difficulties, last evening the shops in Sverdlovsk shut two or three hours early to start the great repricing. Tomorrow many citizens will be queuing again from early morning in the hope that, at the higher prices, hitherto unavailable goods suddenly appear. Others will take one look at the revised price-tickets and go home, living out of their freezers and store-rooms, hoping perhaps that the new prices will soon go away.

Georgians pick independence

By BRUCE CLARK

GEORGIA's nationalist authorities claimed yesterday that the vote for the southern Soviet republic's independence had been virtually universal, except in two contested regions where rival ethnic groups hold sway.

The government said that more than 90 per cent of the registered electorate had cast their ballots, with results from about half the polling stations pointing to a vote of more than 99 per cent in favour of restoring the independent state, which was declared for three years in 1918. However, the figures did not take account of the northwestern region of Abkhazia, in South Ossetia, where local leaders have promised to keep their territory within the Soviet Union rather than become part of an independent Georgia. Only 62 per cent went to the polls in Abkhazia, where ethnic violence is feared.

Tass reported yesterday that at least four people were killed and three injured on Sunday during inter-ethnic clashes in Georgia. Three ethnic Georgians were shot dead and one was injured in the village of Nuli, in the autonomous region of south Ossetia.

Another person was killed and two more were injured on Sunday night when missiles were fired in the village of Nicosia, in the Gori region, Tass said, quoting the local interior ministry.

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Hong Kong puts British intentions to test with Hurd visit

Sir David: his future as governor is in doubt

DOUGLAS Hurd, the foreign secretary, flies to Hong Kong today on his way to China for talks which many see as the last real chance for Britain to prove it is ready to stand up for the colony's interests before 1997, when it is handed back to China. A successful visit is seen by the Hong Kong government and the business community as the key to restoring the territory's confidence, shaken by Peking's brutal suppression of the democracy movement in June 1989.

Hong Kong's multibillion pound port and airport project and investment plans for its infrastructure will dominate the agenda in Hong Kong and Peking and the success of the visit depends on whether a compromise can be reached. Announced by Sir David Wilson, the governor of Hong Kong, in June 1989, to boost confidence and restore faith in the territory's economy, the scheme has become the focus of a political dispute.

China fears that Britain is draining Hong Kong's economy by building government-financed projects before 1997. But while some speculate that the project will have to be scaled down, Hong Kong people fear that the debate is not just about the number of runways to be built, but how much China will be allowed to control the colony's affairs before 1997. Peking has sought a veto over the project by insisting that it be "consulted" on all matters which "straddle" 1997. During talks between Sir David and Chinese officials last month, Peking reportedly demanded assurances that a

Jonathan Braude in Hong Kong and **Catherine Sampson** in Peking report how the colony is desperately seeking a boost to its much-dented confidence

minimum of £4 billion should be retained in the colony's fiscal reserves at the handover.

There is also speculation over the future of Sir David, fuelled by his apparent failure to negotiate a satisfactory agreement over the projects. The governor's critics say the Chinese blocked agreement with him to deal with Mr Hurd, thus further undermining Sir David's weak position. It is now accepted in Hong Kong that the governor has "lost the mandate of heaven", as the Chinese used to say of dying imperial dynasties. Sir David is considered unlikely to last in his post for another year. In Hong Kong and London, the search for a replacement is on. It is felt that a politician is needed. Speculation has included Tom King, the defence secretary, and Peter Brooke, the Northern Ireland secretary.

In January, Wu Xueqian, the Chinese vice-premier, insisted that only Peking could speak for the interests of the colony. Hong Kong officials emphasised that Britain was in charge. Hong Kong will be looking for clues during Mr Hurd's trip that this is the case. If Britain can stand up to China over the airport project, it will be a signal that it will also protect Hong Kong's interests over the next six years. Some believe a deal has already been drawn up between London and Peking, and that Mr Hurd would not have agreed to the trip if agreement were not assured.

But by refusing to negotiate with Sir David, or the colonial administration, and forcing London to take charge, Peking has won. It has proved that Hong Kong is not responsible for its own economic decisions, and that ultimate control rests with Britain now and China after 1997. It is thought that Mr Hurd will come away from Peking claiming victory over the airport but having made secret concessions in the interests of longer-term diplomatic relations between Britain and China. The Foreign Office is concerned that wrangling over the airport has stalled progress on other matters relating to the transition to the handover.

Britain is keen to have contentious transitional matters resolved by 1995 to ensure a smooth change. Yet big issues remain to be solved, including the use of the British naval base, *HMS* Tamar, in the centre of the colony's business district. Britain is hoping to move the base to an island in the harbour. China fears that the move is designed to stop the stationing of troops in the centre of the urban area.

Until now, Britain has voiced little concern about human rights because of wariness about rocking the Hong Kong boat. But whi China, Mr Hurd is to Canton, where three H Kong men are in prisor helping pro-democracy tivists. Whether he r their case will be seen measure of his concern a human rights on the n land now — and in I Kong after 1997.

● **Co-operation hopes:** Peng, the Chinese prime ister, said yesterday th believed difficulties in Soviet Union were only porary and he hoped sta would soon return, the ional media reported. N told Alexander Bess nykh, the Soviet foreign ister who arrived on Su there was potential for nomic co-operation bet the two countries. *(Reu*

Bernard Levin, pa

Afghan rebels see seized city as showplace for their rule

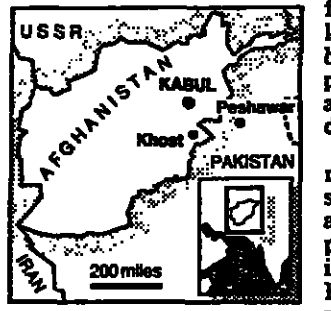
From Ben Whittam-Smith in Miranshah, Pakistan and Our Foreign Staff

AFGHAN rebels said yesterday that at least 1,000 guerrillas perished in the battle for Khost, after facing a hail of Scud missiles in their eight-year fight for the city.

The rebels consolidated *their victory by establishing a* 23-member council responsible for security and preventing looting, and summary executions. Najibullah Lafraie, the information minister of the mujahedin government-in-exile based in Peshawar, Pakistan, said that the council would also take charge of administration in Khost.

In a television broadcast to the nation yesterday from Kabul, President Najibullah said his government had lost contact with Khost, indicating its seizure by the rebels.

The slow but inexorable fall of the city had become a nightly spectacle to the Waziri tribesmen of Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, with the sky lit up by the Scud missiles exploding round the mujahedin about 20 miles to the north.



The tribesmen watched as villagers from the area were brought down by buses to join the teeming refugee camps that surround their town. It is not a sight that they greet with enthusiasm; they are tiring of the Afghan war and the presence of thousands of Afghans on their land. Some of the tribe have gone to fight for the Kabul government on the offer of 2,500 rupees (about £65) and the promise of a Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifle, the ultimate status symbol in these wild borderlands.

Even as the mujahedin broke through all the security rings round Khost under the missile bombardment, the tribesmen remained unimpressed. "The show up at Khost is not for me or the Afghans here," said one of the tribesmen, "it is for you — for the Europeans, the Americans and the Arabs who have *funded this war.*"

Stripped of its cynicism, this is a statement with which Muhammad Yakub Sheriatyar, spokesman for Maulvi Jalaluddin Haqqani, the leading commander in the Khost district, can agree, up to a point. "The capture of Khost is important not for its strategic value but because it dem*onstrates to the world that we* are still a military force".

It is a demonstration that the mujahedin's backers in Washington and Riyadh have long awaited. Since the last Soviet soldier left Afghanistan in February 1989, the mujahedin have been riven by factional fighting. Failure followed failure and antagonistic *bands of guerrillas made ill*-planned and badly co-ordinated attacks on the heavily defended cities.

Some mujahedin commanders even began to fear success. The threat of civil war after a mujahedin victory persuaded Abdul Haq, an influential commander in the Kabul region, and other commanders to turn down plans sponsored by Pakistan's Inter-Services Intelligence Agency for a co-ordinated attack on the capital last year.

"The regime stands because we can offer no alternative government. What if we had succeeded in bringing down the regime through assassination or defection? I think that it could have been civil war. At least the regime offers some stability. The greatest problem that we face today is political, not military."

The commanders at Khost are well aware of this. "We can now set up a government within Afghanistan that will show us capable of ruling," says Muhammad Yakub Sheriatyar. However, he concedes that his commanders have a problem with the thousands of guerrillas who have flocked to Khost in search of loot and revenge. Public floggings, he hopes, will control the situation.

Even if they can bring stability, few observers feel that there will be much in *Khost to tempt thousands of* refugees home. Afghanistan can offer little economic security. But as one refugee said, failure to bring peace to Khost would indicate that Afghanistan had taken another step towards anarchy.

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Sari power: thirty newly elected women members of the Bangladeshi parliament being sworn in by Justice Abdur Rauf, the chief election commissioner, in Dhaka yesterday, three days before the new assembly's first session. They had been elected unopposed on Saturday to the seats reserved for women under the Bangladesh constitution. Of the 30, 28 are from the Bangladesh Nationalist Party of Begum Khalida Zia, the prime minister, and two belong to the right-wing Jamaat-e Islami party. The BNP agreed to give the two seats to Jamaat in exchange for its support in parliament, which allowed Begum Khalida to form her government last month. Together with the 140 seats won in the national elections in February, these extra women's seats mean that the BNP now commands a slim majority in the 330-member house. The Awami League of Sheikh Hasina Wazed will lead the opposition with 88 seats, the Jamaat holds 20, and the Jatiya party of the deposed president, Hussain Ershad, has 35. The other seats went to independents and smaller parties, including the communists. *(AFP)*

New Zealand cuts benefits in reform of welfare state

From Richard Long in Wellington

MORE than a million New Zealanders — a third of the population — face cuts in their income today as a result of the government's decision to curb welfare state spending. The unemployed, single parents and sickness beneficiaries face big cuts in their existing benefits. Pensioners will not receive the annual inflation adjustments, due this month.

Despite protests from social workers and church groups, who have claimed that the cuts will lead to extreme poverty and begging in the streets, the government has gone ahead with its plans to reduce the budget deficit. Jim Bolger, *the prime minister,* has described the cuts as the bitter medicine required to arrest the drift in New Zealand from work to welfare. The dole payment was higher than many people were earning in fully paid employment.

Ruth Richardson, the finance minister, accused by her critics of "Ruthanasia" over *the cuts, says that the burden* of state spending has sapped the country's energy and the welfare state has to be redesigned to benefit those in genuine need.

In tandem with the welfare state reorganisation, the government intends to pass into law next month the most radical labour market reforms since 1894, which will abolish old industrial practices, free the labour market and remove union monopolies. Criticised by the unions for applying a "Chilean solution", the gov*ernment says this will help* open up new job opportunities for people moving from welfare into work.

Mr Bolger's National party won a landslide in last October's election on a platform which included a pledge to redesign the welfare state. As a counter to the benefit cuts, Mr Bolger and Ms Richardson have said that the top third of income earners can expect to pay for much of their own health and education needs as a result of changes to be made in the July budget.

Bolger: arresting the drift from work to welfare

The worst hit in the welfare cuts are the single unemployed under 25, whose dole payment has been reduced from $NZ143 (£48) a week to $NZ108. Sickness beneficiaries in the same age group have had benefit cut from $NZ162 to $NZ130. The adult rate has dropped from $NZ162 to $NZ135. Single parents' income will be cut by between $NZ14 and $NZ27.

The country's 539,361 pensioners and invalids without children will not receive the annual inflation adjustment which was due this month. Benefit eligibility rules have been tightened.

The universal family benefit of $NZ6 a week for each child, an icon of the welfare state, has been abolished. Earlier *changes brought increased* charges for doctors' visits and drugs.

Church groups are organising emergency support and food parcels for families they claim will not be able to cope with the benefit cuts.

Zimbabwe rhino hunt condemned

From Michael Hartnack in Harare

ZIMBABWE national parks rangers, who have been fighting a seven-year war to protect some of Africa's last black rhinoceroses from poachers, have carried out a death sentence on a rogue animal, angering conservationists.

Game guards have also shot dead two rhino poachers, believed to be from Zambia, in a gun battle in the Chiwore area of the Zambezi valley. At least 94 poachers have been killed since 1984, when Zimbabwe launched Operation Stronghold in an attempt to preserve the world's last wild black rhinos, estimated to number 7,000. Two game guards *have also died* in the war against the gangs, which sell rhinoceros horns for up to £12,000 each on the Asian black market.

A private conservationist, who had wanted the problem rhino removed to a remote sanctuary, said: "I find it incongruous that they are shooting guys who are coming *in killing* rhinos, and then they shoot one of their own animals."

The rogue rhinoceros bull, one of 14 moved from the Zambezi valley in 1988 to a 40-square-mile game ranch, repeatedly escaped to graze in the cotton and sunflower plots of peasant farmers in the neighbouring Hurungwe resettlement area. The animal became even more dangerous when it was chased by dogs and injured by a heavy cable snare. Two attempts to treat it under sedation with a drug dart were unsuccessful. After a third attempt, on March 10, the bull stampeded and fatally gored two sisters, Evelyn Chisungu and Monica Johani.

At the weekend, Glen Tatham, the parks department chief warden, found the rhino bull back in the Hurungwe resettlement area, where he shot it. There has been no official comment.

Zimbabwe's government-controlled media have failed to report the politically embarrassing incident, as officials weighed possible offence to international conservation agencies against the loss of goodwill from local people. Hurungwe tribespeople were reported to have feared that the rogue rhino was possessed by an evil spirit. Environmentalists here deplored the killing as a political decision.

Poachers have brought Africa's rhinos close to extinction, from an estimated 110,000 in 1970.

Arizona traps the best politicians money can buy

Shot from concealed cameras, the films are grainy, the soundtracks poor, but Arizo*na's television stations* have screened them night after night to record audience figures.

Don Kenney, Republican chairman of Arizona's house judiciary committee, is shown stuffing a $55,000 (£31,500) bribe into a nylon gym bag and joking: "Are you sure there are no hidden cameras?" He talks of the sexual foibles of his fellow legislators and suggests ways to "fish them in".

Carolyn Walker, Democratic whip in the Arizona Senate, remarks that "we all have our prices" as she collects part of her $25,800 (£14,750) bribe. "I'm trying to position myself that I can live the good life and have more money ..fs1. I want to die rich."

Bobby Raymond, a Democratic legislator, sells his vote for $12,105 (£6,917) with the words: "There is not an issue in the world I give a shit about ..fs1. I do deals. My *favourite line is 'What's in it for* me?'." He calls his fellow legislators "unsophisticated whores". He would do anything for money, he says, short of "sticking ice picks up peoples' noses".

Sue Laybe, another Democrat, accepts and deftly counts out $10,000 (£5,714) in $100 bills, unaware that her life would shortly collapse about her.

In each case the politicians were confiding in a loudly dressed man dripping with gold jewellery who called himself J. Anthony Vincent and purported to be a wealthy Las Vegas casino operator with mob connections. In each case their confidence was misplaced. "Vincent" was Joseph Stedino, a one-time Las Vegas television show host with a *string of convictions* and a gaming background, being paid $3,500 a month by the Phoenix police chief.

Over 16 months, operating from a plush Phoenix office provided by the police, Mr Stedino lined up Arizona's politicians to legalise gambling, saying he wanted to open a casino in the state. He handed out more than $350,000 (£200,000) in bribes as part of a $1 million "sting" dubbed "Operation Desert Shame".

It was a virtuoso performance. Mr Stedino about hidden cameras to allay his victims' fears, and once offered to strip to show he was not wired. During important meetings he took instructions by telephone from police overseers, pretending the calls were from business associates. He always ensured the victims incriminated *themselves: one legislator demand*ing the casino's shrimp concession, another the right to run its gift shop. The only thing missing, he once remarked, was "the 'for sale' sign hanging around their necks".

So far 18 legislators, lobbyists and officials have been charged with bribery, money laundering and campaign finance violations, the charges supported by more than 500 hours of videotapes. Six legislators have resigned, another has been expelled, and most face jail. Arizonans now wear T-shirts proclaiming: "Arizona's Legislators: The Best Money Can Buy."

In a land where elections are won by spending power, corruption is nothing new. Charges were bought against 71 state officials in 1989 alone, and Federal Bureau of Investigation "stings" have since trapped three legislators in Tennessee, 14 in South Carolina and two in *California. But in Arizona,* where the governor was impeached in 1988, it seems almost habitual.

With its bright new office blocks, broad boulevards and manicured lawns, Phoenix, the capital, has all the trappings of modernity, but its values still appear rooted in the surrounding desert and arid mountains where the cowboy culture thrived until not so long ago.

A decade of spectacular growth has sucked in dubious speculators and fast-buck artists. The new office blocks stand half-empty, drivers carry guns in their glove compartments. And if the politicians are corruptible, then the law enforcers, themselves political animals, are no saints either. Their advancement depends on results, and the end justifies the means.

Martin Fletcher

Husband plead fo protectio from wiv

Dhaka — A grou Bangladeshi men who sa are often tortured by wives have appealed to officials for protection, papers reported.

A new committee "*resisting* torture a men" held a street ma Rangpur, north Banglad the weekend before s ting 14 demands to the c commissioner.

The demands inclu special court to deal violence by wives a husbands and police tion in cases of "grave ical threats". The com said that women tortu psychologically and ph by humiliating and them. Working wives refused to share food unemployed husband some had killed their s the committee claimed.

The former pres Hussain Ershad, who re last *December and is* charges of multiple c tion, set up a court in deal with violence a women. He also institut death sentence for rape der and assaulting won dowries.

"This was a one-sic cision which neglect plight of the male," th mittee leaders told re The district commi had promised to consi demands, one nev said. *(Reuter)*

Cuban pullou

Brazzaville — Cuban are to start pulling out Congo immediately, ur accord signed by g from both countries. I past 14 years, Havana 1,500 troops in the country, which recently more than two deca communist dogma. *(R*

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Seoul — President R South Korea has op United Nations con here and advocated t South and the North members of the UN se before the end of this y said that such a move bring stability to the However, North Korea joint membership. *(AF*

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Johannesburg — Presi Klerk has invited mentary leaders to a next Monday to disc pace and direction of a new constitution fo Africa. Andries Tre leader of the pro-ap Conservative party, had not yet receiv invitation. *(AFP)*

Kashmir kid

Srinagar — Unidentifi men kidnapped a Swe gineer in Indian-ruled mir, the first foreigner there since a separatis lion began 15 months a ice said. Johan Janss abducted while returni from a family skiing w while his wife and chi allowed to go home. *(F*

Eruption fea

Manila — Most of t mated 4,000 people li the slopes of Taal vol Batangas province, 4 south of Manila, have fear of an eruption strong tremor last Vulcanologists have h clared Taal a permane ger zone, but the villag refused to leave. *(Reu*

Light touch

Tokyo — Emperor Aki dispensed with an i prerogative and for t time ordered his moto stop at Tokyo traffic lig imperial court spo said the emperor and panying security cars five times at red light private trip to attend a biology seminar. *(Reu*

Tehran troops fight Iranian guerrillas on the Iraq border

From Michael Theodoulou
in Nicosia

IN AN unexpected development, the turmoil in Iraq has led to renewed violence along the Iran-Iraq border between Iranian government forces and Iraq-based Iranian dissidents committed to the overthrow of the Tehran regime.

Yesterday both sides accused each other of large-scale border incursions and both claimed victory. The Iranian News Agency said Revolutionary Guards based north of the border town of Qasr-e-Shirin drove back guerrillas of the People's Mujahedin, killing many of them and capturing several more.

For their part, the Iranian guerrillas claimed that they had beaten back thousands of Iranian government forces who had launched an overnight offensive *on four fronts* in the area. On one front alone 300 Revolutionary Guards were killed, it was claimed.

The guerrillas also said that three government soldiers they captured in a clash on Sunday had identity cards proving that they were members of Islamic Jihad, a pro-Iranian group in Lebanon.

"Now it appears that some of the Khomeini regime's *Pasdaran* (Revolutionary Guards) and mercenaries in Lebanon have entered Iraqi territory to fight the Iranian resistance," the Mujahedin said in a statement sent to *The*

Times office in Nicosia. The group also claims that President Rafsanjani of Iran has called for a drive against Iran's political opponents.

The Mujahedin have repeatedly accused Tehran of using the rebellion against President Saddam Hussein as a pretext to attack their bases in Iraq. In turn, Iran and Kurdish insurgents in Iraq claim that Iranian Mujahedin fighters have joined forces with Saddam to help crush the rebellion. Jalal Talabani, a Kurdish leader, claimed last week that 5,000 Iranian Mujahedin joined Saddam's forces in the battle for Kirkuk.

The Mujahedin, an underground movement formed in 1970, helped to overthrow the Shah but soon fell out with Ayatollah Khomeini. The group's ideology is a strange blend of marxism and Islam. It refers to the current Tehran government as "Khomeini's medieval dictatorship".

It set up its headquarters in Iraq in 1986 when it was forced to leave France as one of the conditions laid down by Tehran for the release of French hostages held in Lebanon.

When the Mujahedin moved to Iraq, their political opponents in Iran accused them of treason, while their friends said they would be unable to resist manipulation.

"If Mujahedin fighters did cross the border into Iran, it was Saddam's way at getting back at Tehran for supporting the rebellion inside Iraq," a Western diplomat here said.

● BEIRUT: The American ambassador to Lebanon discussed the issue of Western hostages with President Hrawi yesterday and urged that they be freed unconditionally.

Ryan Crocker told reporters: "This … is an issue of extreme concern to the government and people of the United States. It is one that I am personally committed to doing anything I can to bring to resolution." Asked about speculation that a hostage release was imminent, he declined to comment. *(Reuter)*

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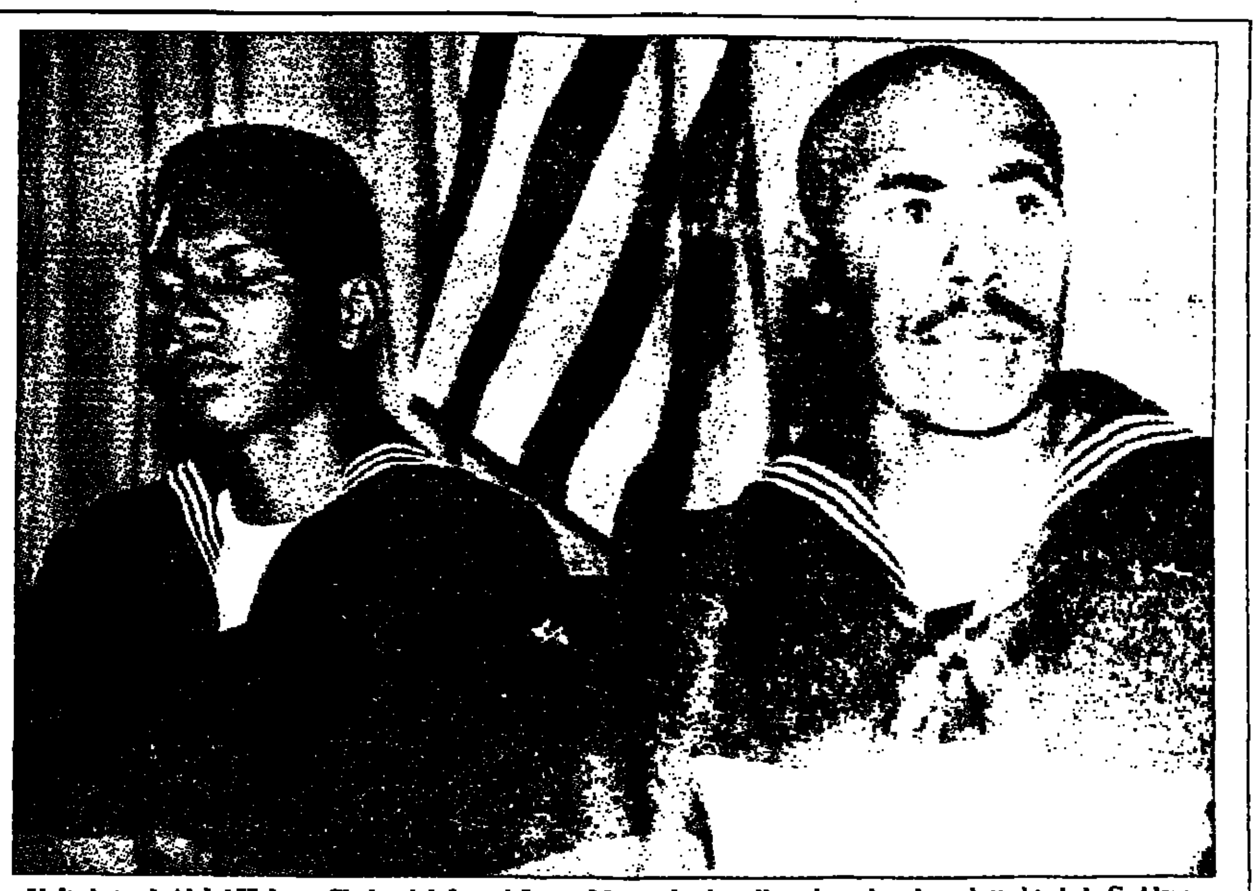
Muslim seamen deny plot

From Reuter
in Subic Bay

TWO American sailors yesterday rejected accusations that they had plotted to sabotage an American aircraft carrier and take its captain hostage to assist President Saddam Hussein at the start of the Gulf war.

James Moss and Abdul Shaheed, apprentices on the carrier USS Ranger, said they faced a court martial on charges of encouraging mutiny simply because they were *Muslims*.

Mr Shaheed, aged 22, of New York, told a press conference at the American Subic Bay naval base in the Philippines: "The only reason I am here before you today is because some people on my ship, and I guess some back in the US, prefer to think that all Muslims are evil. They do not understand Islam and instead equate all Muslims with *Saddam Hussein* and his ruthless acts. But I just want to tell you that all Muslims are not violent."



United stand: Abdul Hakeem Shaheed, left, and James Moss rejecting allegations that they plotted to help Saddam

The two seamen are accused of trying to win support among the Ranger's 5,000 men for a plan to take hostage the carrier's commander, Captain Ernest Christensen, and sabotage its aircraft launch system.

The navy's charges say they were acting in support of "Muslim holy war (*jihad*) sponsored by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein against the United States".

Mr Shaheed and Mr Moss strongly denied the allegations and their lawyers emphasised that no act of sabotage or kidnapping had been committed on the carrier. "We are not talking about any overt acts whatsoever," said Lieutenant Brendan Ward, one of their naval counsel.

Lieutenant Victor Bernson, the other counsel for the two, said: "Essentially what we are talking about here is disloyal statements. Nothing happened and the two have denied that they even made the disloyal statements."

No date has yet been set for the men's court martial.

Military chief has dovish touch

From Paul Adams
in Jerusalem

REGARDED as a superior strategist and hands-on leader, Lieutenant-General Ehud Barak, aged 49, the new Israeli chief of staff, has been involved in some of the army's most spectacular operations.

In May 1972, he led the operation to rescue passengers aboard a Sabena airliner hijacked to Israel by guerrillas belonging to the extreme Black September group, in which one hostage and two terrorists died. A year later, he dressed as a woman for an operation which resulted in the assassination of three members of the Black September guerrilla group in Beirut. Kamal Nasser, the Palestine Liberation Organisation's spokesman, was also shot in the mouth.

For all his experience of such brutally efficient operations, General Barak is thought to be a political dove. Shimon Peres, the Labour leader, referred to him last year as a potential head of the party.

The general said Israel *would not have to live by the* sword forever, but would continue to wield it as long as the situation remained the same.

Barak: seen by Peres as possible Labour leader

Lebanon may force groups to disarm

By Juan Carlos Gumucio
in Beirut

SHORTLY after a senior representative of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Lebanon said its guerrillas would never surrender their weapons, a Lebanese cabinet minister yesterday suggested that force might be used to disarm all Lebanese militias and Palestinian guerrilla groups by the end of the month.

In an indirect warning that the Lebanese government might require the help of the Syrian army to see that its plan to eliminate all irregular forces was implemented on schedule, Abdallah Amin, a minister whithout portfolio, was reported as saying that, should difficulties arise, "we could seek assistance".

Mr Amin's was the first official Lebanese reaction to a defiant statement by Zubeir Wehbe, chief representative of Yassir Arafat's PLO in Lebanon on Saturday that Palestinian guerrillas would not surrender a single round of ammunition to the Lebanese army, as demanded by a government plan announced *last* week.

Because disarming the Palestinians is a sensitive political decision as well as being a military challenge, attempts to find a compromise were at the top of President Hrawi's agenda yesterday, political sources reported. They said that there was "fortunately a sense of optimism" because even Mr Wehbe had hinted at the PLO's eagerness to avoid stirring up a storm when be said: "We are ready for dialogue with a legitimate Lebanese government which respects our legitimacy."

The status of Palestinian guerrillas in Lebanon has been in limbo for more than three years.

Test confirms date of Dead Sea scrolls

From Reuter in Jerusalem

SCIENTISTS using a new method to verify the age of the Dead Sea scrolls have confirmed that they were written between the second century BC and first century AD, the Israeli curator of the scrolls said yesterday.

Magen Broshi of Israel Museum's Shrine of the Book, where the scrolls are displayed, said physicists at the Zurich Institute of Technology had completed the first carbon-14 dating test on scraps of the texts found in the late 1940s. "Until now, we have been able to establish the age of the Dead Sea scrolls by paleography (study of ancient writing)," Mr Broshi said. "But from time to time people have challenged this method as not sufficiently accurate. Once and for all, what we have believed so far has been confirmed."

Some 800 scrolls, written in Hebrew and Aramaic on sheepskin by members of an ancient Jewish sect known as the Essenes, contain parts of the Old Testament, sectarian writings and literary works.

Mr Broshi said the Zurich scientists had used a new method of carbon-14 dating which required only tiny parts of the scrolls to be used, minimising damage to them.

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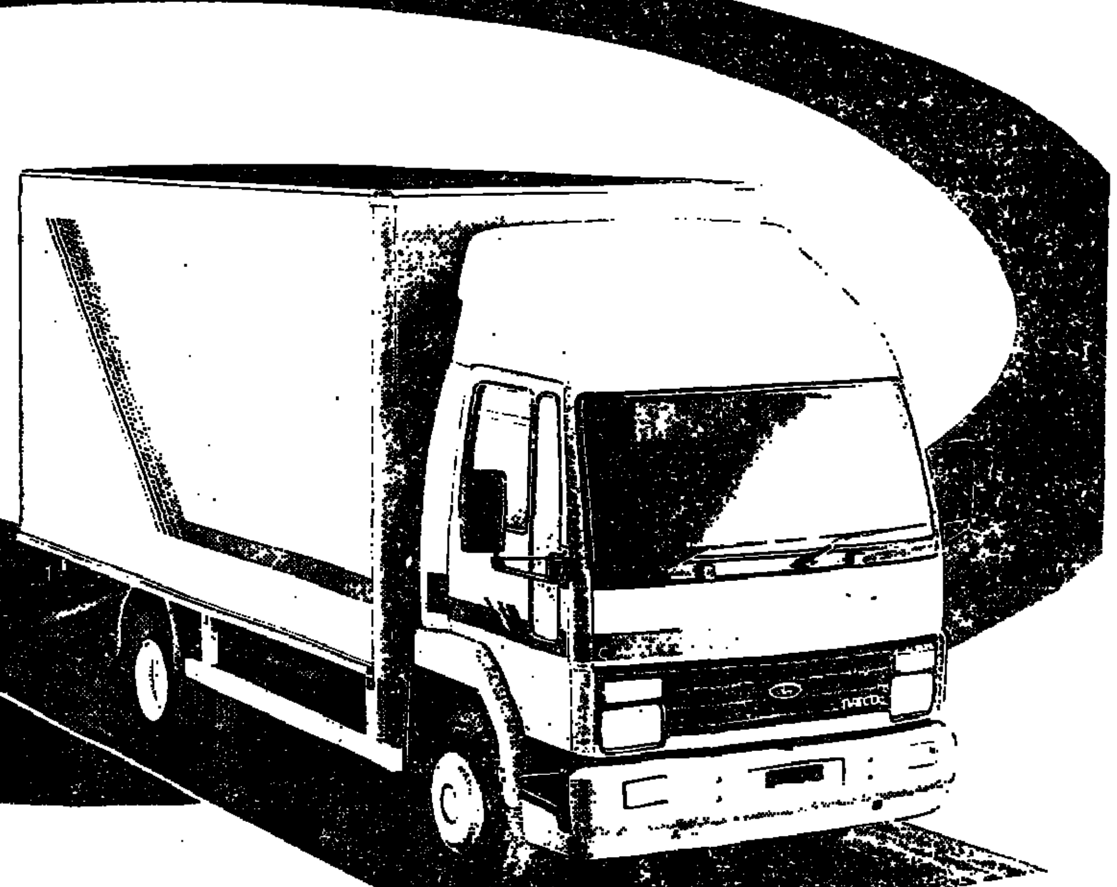

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Why history has to stop

Ronald Butt

Jack Straw, Labour's education spokesman, was wise to condemn the National Union of Teachers for voting for strike action over the union's negotiating rights, and other matters, and for its intended support of teachers who boycott the national curriculum tests for seven-year-olds. Once more, the NUT has put *its own interests and prejudices* before the well-being of children.

The only pity is that Mr Straw did not show equivalent good sense by refraining from giving his support to those teachers who have attacked the decision of *Kenneth Clarke*, the education secretary, that there should be a clear cut-off date between modern history, as learnt by children aged 14-16 for testing and GCSE purposes, and what is loosely described as current affairs. Mr Clarke had intended that modern history should be deemed to have come to a full stop in the 1960s. To mollify his critics, he has now said that the syllabus should end 20 years before the present, with the end date moving on in five-year intervals. But he persists with the idea that what happened in the last 20 years is not history but current affairs.

Mr Straw remains unmollified. Having stigmatised the original *proposal* as doctrinaire political interference, he now grumbles at the 20-year rule. "It means", he says, "that children in state schools cannot learn the history of the Gulf war until 2011."

Straw: encouragement for the superficial approach

What nonsense! To make a proper division between the academic history curriculum and the discussion of current and very recent affairs is not to say that the latter is ruled out. A good school will find some slot in the timetable for current affairs. There *should* also be debates about current affairs, to teach children to accept orderly argument between conflicting viewpoints on topical questions which, precisely because they engage strong and immediate feelings, are inappropriate for study as history.

History requires some effort at dispassionate understanding, which is hard enough even in the study of the comparatively recent past, let alone the present. So it simply will not do to have children examined on current affairs under the guise of history. For one thing, it leaves their work to be judged by teacher-examiners whose own feelings may be so involved that their assessments are affected by the extent to which their own opinions are reflected.

And there is more to be said for a division between history and current affairs. Spokesmen of the Historical Association (a body of history teachers) argue that "contemporary history" can be taught impartially and in a "scholarly" way, that the cut-off makes history less attractive to pupils, and that Mr Clarke's ruling simply reflects his distrust of teachers.

Perhaps in a way it does, but it is worth a moment to consider in what way. First, "history" has become more and more slanted towards the immediate or recent past, to the neglect of more distant and challenging periods, leaving children increasingly ignorant about the deepest roots of the culture in which they live.

Second, a much favoured *method of teaching* actually makes understanding harder. For example, there is the preference for teaching history by "issues", often, without the chronological background necessary for real understanding. Children are also invited *to try to* understand the past by projecting their own feelings into it; by imagining, say, what it was like to be a medieval peasant or a 19th-century mill-worker, which is impossible from their very different experience and given their lack of taught objective knowledge.

Likewise, immature pupils are asked virtually to play-act the historian's role and to "discover" history, without possessing any of the mental, let alone the evidential, equipment of real historians. The motivation of these fashions does much to explain the anger of Mr Clarke's critics.

Much contemporary teaching is infected by an urge to make history "relevant" (that's the key word) to our current scene, instead *of letting it stand in its own right.* It is a manifestation of the egocentricity of our time. Yet ordinary people, denied an adequate glimpse of the past through adequate teaching, are supposed to become excited by the mock-ups of *historical sites, which may* well give them a *frisson* but nothing much deeper.

For the general multitude, this is the age of tape-recorded *clashes* of arms and shouts at "heritage sites", of dressed-up wax figures in dungeons and of *what* a *university* historian recently described as the tea-towel trivialities that convey a nostalgic, warm and cosy image of the past ("making and faking history") which was not authentic. It is, I suppose, just another manifestation of the fashion for "empathy" in classroom teaching.

In short, history for everyman is too often seen either sentimentally or as an extension of current affairs and our own feelings, which are supposed to enable us to understand it better. But the only genuine understanding of history is that which in some degree comprehends the past in its own terms, not by our emotional criteria. The real relevance of history is that, telling us of human affairs so different from our own, it assists us to a deeper understanding of the common factors of human behaviour in any age.

So why do the teachers (or some of them) protest so much? They must see that a study of current affairs cannot have the academic and dispassionate basis of history. They must be aware that nothing stops them from having current affairs classes and that relevant discussion of current affairs in history lessons remains perfectly possible. For instance in teaching the history of the Middle East, it is perfectly possible to refer to the events of today. The only restraint is on subjects for tests and examinations. Their real worry is clear. Because of their attitudes and techniques, many teachers feel distrusted. But if the cap fits they must wear it.

Susan Ellicott in Washington on America's failure to back the anti-Saddam rebellions

The job is done, so let's go home

Yesterday, William Safire, a *former* speechwriter for Richard Nixon and a leading columnist on *The New York Times*, joined the debate about whether America should give positive help to Iraqi rebels fighting Saddam Hussein. So far only a *handful of Washington commentators* have explored the fall-out from General Norman Schwarzkopf's recent revelation that he had recommended continuing the march into Iraq in order to annihilate the Iraqi troops. *Although General Schwarzkopf* later apologised, and said that he should have used the word planned rather than recommend, his remarks looked set to highlight growing disquiet about America's handling of the post-war situation.

According to Mr Safire, the strongest proponent of a swift end was Colin Powell, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, who feared the American military would be blamed for overkill if the fighting persisted or would become a target for terrorists or domestic public disapproval. James Baker, the Secretary of State, reportedly went along with this assessment, reasoning that only the survival of Saddam Hussein or another Sunni Muslim military dictator would *guarantee* the unity of Iraq.

Against them, said Mr Safire, were Brent Scowcroft, the national security adviser, and Dan Quayle, the vice-president, who wanted to finish the job. As a result of the split, Mr Bush reportedly hesitated *on* whether American forces should shoot down Iraqi helicopter gunships used by government forces against the rebels. Mr Bush's right-wing critics are now claiming that his wavering has dragged American policy towards Iraq back to levels of the *realpolitik* that allowed April Glaspie, the American ambassador to Baghdad, to appear neutral towards an Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

So far, however, there is little sign that the public has picked up on the Washington debate as Mr Bush enjoys the honeymoon of a record high approval rating for the swift allied victory. The president himself was out of town for the weekend and is now fishing in Florida. Congress is out of session. Television is still brimming with pictures of homecoming veterans.

The critics of Mr Bush's hands-off policy in Iraq's civil war one month after a provisional ceasefire are the hawks, those who supported the administration throughout the Gulf war. They are pressing for the United States at least to shoot down the helicopter gunships used by Saddam Hussein to crush the insurgencies in north and south Iraq. They chide the president for encouraging an uprising but failing to follow through, just as America did with the anti-communist Hungarian uprising in 1956.

"US policy can be now distilled into that common Islamic phrase, Inshallah, or God Willing," wrote Paul Gigot, a columnist for *The Wall Street Journal.* George Mitchell, the Democratic leader of the Senate, pressed the administration at the weekend to shoot down the helicopters, which General Schwarzkopf has admitted were being operated because the Iraqis "suckered" America into excluding them from the preliminary ceasefire. However, it was noticeable that he did not dare to say anything that would challenge the White House's overall handling of the war. Even Lee Hamilton, the usually tough chairman of the House foreign affairs committee, shied away from tarnishing Mr Bush's glowing post-war public image. *He* called instead for America to use the leverage of United Nations-backed sanctions against Baghdad to secure reparations from Iraq for Kuwait.

In general, the Democrats, still smarting from their predictions that a Gulf war would
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A familiar path to sell-out

Britain's failure to protect Hong Kong echoes its lack of concern for the people of Tibet, writes Bernard Levin

Mr Hurd (*colour his tongue yellow*) is going to China to be given his further instructions. "We have no intention", he says, "of abdicating our responsibility to Hong Kong". Of course *not; Britain abdicated our responsibility* to Hong Kong long ago, and there is no need to repeat the betrayal ("What? Wouldst thou have a serpent sting thee twice?"). The foreign secretary even says that he will raise the matter of human rights in China, and he followed that preposterous claim with one that not even I could bring myself to make jokes about: he did actually say, in *The Independent*, "The recent visit to Britain of the Dalai Lama has *reminded us of the unhappy* history of repression there."

This, from a man who daily condones what the Chinese are doing in that ravished and tormented land, who simultaneously pretends that Tibet is not a sovereign state and that anyway this non-existent country is not being oppressed, and who put up — on a stick, presumably — somebody called Lord Reay of Ophemert and Zennewijnen (a double Dutchman if ever there was one) to say that "It is our view that Tibet has autonomy."

Mr Hurd could have asked the Dalai Lama about that wicked boast last week, when His Holiness was here, were it not for the fact that the Chinese leaders have long ago made clear that they would not countenance our prime ministers and foreign secretaries even passing the time of day with the rightful temporal and spiritual leader of Tibet.

Well, *I* passed the time of day with him; he clasped both my hands in his. You cannot touch him, or even approach him, without experiencing a holy radiance; the sweetness and beauty of his character (much enhanced by a delightful sense of humour), his absolute adherence to non-violence in deed, word and thought, and the terrible and brutal oppression that his country is suffering from the Chinese invaders, make it impossible for anyone to refuse him sympathy and honour.

Well, almost anyone. There is a handful of China fellow-travellers on the Tory benches, and the policy of smearing him and the Tibetan resistance will soon start again. It had to be temporarily shelved after the Tiananmen Square massacre, but the FO has always been patient, particularly when it is engaged in giving away the freedom of other people.

The betrayal of Tibet is a stepping-stone; the greatest danger Mr Hurd runs is that the Chinese leaders might put difficulties in the way of the betrayal of Hong Kong. Such difficulties would not concern the actual abandonment of the colony, which has long since been happily concluded, but the Chinese might, to punish our government, say things that would make British policy over Hong Kong look even more obviously dishonest, cowardly and shaming than it does already.

The rush to ignominy, in the form of a ceremonial pretence of resisting each new demand from China, followed by the conceding of it, has each time reduced further the shreds of the worthless Sino-British "guarantees", supposed to guard the freedoms of the people of Hong Kong when the surrender is complete. *The latest sham* concerns a court of final appeal; the Chinese naturally would not accept the Privy Council, because its members might rule in favour of some Hong Kong citizen oppressed by the Chinese, so a few weeks ago there was a solemn discussion between British and Chinese representatives as to what form the court should take.

Three days of discussion followed, whereupon it was announced that no agreement had been made. There will soon be another announcement about the court, and careful inspection will make clear that it will be devised and operated by Peking. The very day after the announcement that there was no agreement about the court, there was another from the Chinese authorities; it decreed that the almost absolute secrecy that surrounds everything concerning the Chinese judicial system is to be further reinforced; there will now be practically nothing that Chinese citizens may know about the system of law and punishment under which they suffer.

And I do mean suffer, as Luo Haixing, Li Peicheng and Li Longqing could confirm, were they not in prison for five years each on the usual mad charges — "concealing counter-revolutionary elements", "helping counter-revolutionaries to escape the country", helping "democracy activists" to flee, and sheltering Chen Ziming and Wang Juntao, the bravest of the brave, before they were caught and sentenced to 13 years imprisonment for advocating a measure of democracy. When horrors like that can take place in the twilight of Peking and beneath the still brightly lit sky of Hong Kong, what hope of justice could Tibet have in her hideous darkness, even if Britain had not repeatedly betrayed her?

I begin the answer with two haunting facts; they are nothing, of course, beside the gen
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ALAN COREN

At the risk of startling those of you unaware that a sentence might be cobbled to include them both, I have to tell you that, like Lord Byron before it, Cricklewood awoke one morning *to find itself* famous. On exactly the same morning, as a matter of fact, provided you are prepared to discount a gap of 179 years: March 26. Nor, at a guess, would the manner of Cricklewood's waking have been *too different from Byron's, since* no less common to both than their overnight fame is their custom of tying on a few large ones before turning in.

Especially as, in both cases, March 25 had been an even heavier night than usual, and with good reason: just as Byron had, in 1812, been celebrating the public appearance of *Childe Harold's Pilgrimage*, so Cricklewood had, in 1991, been celebrating the public appearance of *The Pick, The Shovel, and The Open Road.*

Though not a poem but a television film, this too was unquestionably an epic, and likewise picaresque: a tale of other deracinated wanderers upping stakes from green hills far away, backhanding a manly tear, and, murmuring "Adieu, adieu, my native shore!" or at any rate its equivalent contemporary gist, breasting brave the eastward foam. To arrive, in their case, in Cricklewood. And begin shovelling.

For Molly Dineen's fine C4 documentary had taken as its subject the "Green Macs", those sturdy adventurers who have made the long trek from Donegal and Tipperary for the sole purpose of descending into London's vast subterranean Gruyère and digging even more holes in it, in the fond hope that the pavements above will thereby turn to gold. It doesn't happen, but they can handle that. I know this, because we drink together. What, however, they are finding trickier to handle is fame. I know this, because, *last Monday night*, we watched together.

At first, it was joy to bask and chortle. Just to see the word Cricklewood getting itself nationally networked was enough to bring our cheers rattling the jugs upon the alehouse shelf, even before each glimpse of this beloved spot and that called forth more individuated yells. Here was The Crown, king of pubs, there the Galtymore, queen of ballrooms, and wasn't that McCleary's Coin-Op in the corner of the screen, and Molly Malone's Cafe and Restaurant, and Sheahan's Irish Meat Centre?

Nor were we partisan of anything but place: we spotted the Madena Halal Cash 'n' Carry and loyally we roared aloud; we raised a confraternal glass to Aktar the Chemist; we felt our hearts grow warm on Mr Lee's behalf when the Rainbow Chinese Restaurant found itself, briefly, in a flash of limelight.

And all this, of course, was nothing to the shrieks and cheers for faces known. Nor even faces: a boot was recognised, a digging elbow, a half-glimpsed nose, a half-heard oath, a running donkey-jacket. And so wildly and uncritically enthusiastic was the response to the sheer, wondrous fact of cathode recognition for Cricklewood that every word that anyone said on-screen was itself taken up, tossed about, hooted over, drunk to, and generally celebrated, with no thought of its possible implications.

Until, that is, the morrow morn. *Sadder*, wiser men, was what, on March 26, I found the Cricklewood Tavern full of; they had not merely woken to fame, they had woken up to it. For it had been borne in upon them that Cricklewood was not made up exclusively of those who applauded the notion of booze and song and vagabondage — at which the film had hinted, in the course of recording the grim labour for which this relaxation was the reward. In short, the good people of Cricklewood, who clearly saw themselves as just that, had not been slow to make known their view that the fame which had just been conferred was not the sort of fame the suburb wanted at all.

Oh dear. Begorrah, possibly. I may just have to speak to someone about shooting a second documentary, showing chartered accountants repotting their azaleas and dental surgeons *buffing their Volvos and* Conservative councillors sipping Badoit.

I should not want the wider world to think that Cricklewood was mad, bad, and dangerous to know.

DIARY

Don't be late for the party

The world has voted with its chequebook *in the debate on* precisely when the millennium ends. While pedants continue to pit December 31, 1999, against the end of the year 2000, everyone who is anyone, it seems, has opted for the earlier date as the time to organise what they hope will be the mother of all parties.

With a mere eight years and nine months to go, most of London is already booked up. The Savoy is turning away all further enquiries, while Claridges, inundated with applications to hire the ballroom, has decided to hold a draw. Nor is the demand restricted to London. One hotel in Bromley, Kent, which has only just received planning permission, is fully booked even though a brick has yet to be laid.

Unusual and prestige venues in particular report high demand. Eric Flounder of Cunard says: "We have had discussions with the Millennium Society in America who want to book the QE2 for a cruise to Egypt, where they will ring in the year 2000 at the Pyramids." Madame Tussaud's has long been booked by someone said to be taking long-term bets on who will then hold pride of place in its hall of fame.

But the most stylish way to see out the millennium is surely in a manner that reflects the greatest technological advances of its last century. Although anyone hoping to hire the American space shuttle will be turned down, British Airways will carefully consider a deluge of applications to hire Concorde. The attraction is obvious, for whoever secures the supersonic plane will be able to celebrate in a style — indeed, a variety of styles — that the Victorians seeing in the present century would have found unbelievable.

Flying westward, revellers will be able to ring in the New Year in London and arrive in New York in time to do so all over again. "And they could then do the same on the west coast of America and again in Honolulu," says a BA spokesman. "It could be the longest New Year's eve party in history."

● *Spare a thought for a group of MPs from all parties who had planned to spend Easter playing cricket against local teams on the island of Corfu. At the last minute the Greek Tourist Board withdrew its invitation, pleading a "security risk" — a phrase surely more applicable to Curtly Ambrose, Malcolm Marshall and Co who are due here shortly from the West Indies to terrorise English batsmanship. "They said they didn't have enough guards to patrol the pitch," says Roger Stott, Labour MP for Wigan and captain of the team. "They feared they could not guarantee our safety."*

Come dancing

Tim Renton, the Etonian arts minister, prides himself on knowing his pirouette from his *pas de deux*, but he does make *faux pas*, in the Arts Council's view, in regarding dance as exclusively the world of ballet.

The council's dance panel has been discreetly pointing out that when Renton refers to "ballet" he is ignoring the fact that in these multicultural times the Arts Council must support a wide variety of dance forms, including Afro-Caribbean, south-east Asian, "new", "modern" and "contemporary" (all different, apparently), as well as the traditional tutu-sporting stuff with which he feels most at home.

Every time his officials remonstrate with him, he promises to use the word "dance" but then out comes the word "ballet" again. "Will you, won't you, will you, won't you, will you join the dance?" wrote Lewis Carroll. Renton, it seems, cannot make his mind up, either.

Heir to Oliver

Oliver Cromwell and John Major have more in common than the Huntingdon parliamentary constituency, according to the Cromwell Association. Keen to project the prime minister as something of a latterday Roundhead, the association has come up with a number of links between the modern apostle of classlessness and the 17th-century Lord Protector.

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DESERT TEMPTATION

Never was the maxim so evident: ending a war is harder by far than starting one. President George Bush now finds himself facing precisely the temptation against which many warned him, the temptation to shift objectives. Every world policemen risks becoming sucked into civil war, turning a clean victory into messy defeat. The president must resist the temptation. He must withdraw from Iraq as soon as he can.

The US has a huge and well-equipped army sitting in Iraq, a country from whose internal affairs Mr Bush emphatically denied involvement when he launched the Gulf campaign. He unwisely expressed the wish to see the toppling of President Saddam Hussein, but wisely stopped short of making it a military objective. Those words are now haunting him. He is being urged to help those seeking to make his wishes come true by sponsoring rebellion. But shooting down helicopters is easier from a Washington armchair than from a tent in the desert. Bombs could flatten more of Baghdad and Basra, but only fantasists believe that air power can either topple Saddam or hand victory to the Kurds and Shia Muslims.

The only military way of achieving these goals is to send ground troops deep into Iraq and presumably keep them there. They might with good fortune oust Saddam, but the spiral of involvement would require them to sustain his successor. They might assist the anti-Baghdad rebels, but many of these rebels want their own state. No Baghdad regime is likely to welcome partition, least of all partition achieved by American arms. Down this interventionist road lies the "Vietnamisation" that Washington rightly fears.

The wrangle that broke out last week between the president and his Gulf commander, General Norman Schwarzkopf, is instructive. The general said that he should have gone on north to destroy more of the Iraqi army. Far from turning the tables in the rebellion, the probable result would have been to prolong and make more bloody its suppression. Huge sections of the Iraqi army remained intact and far from the front. More to the point, as General Colin Powell is known to have told Mr Bush after the massacre of fleeing Iraqis at Mutla Ridge, allied trooops did not want another "turkey shoot". Public opinion could well have turned against such massacres, and this weighed with Mr Bush in bringing forward the ceasefire, to his credit.

The presence of American forces inside Iraq was initially leverage for the release of prisoners and for Iraq's partial disarmament. The former has been achieved. The latter has been overtaken by civil war, which is leading to pathetic pleas for help from anti-Saddam rebels who find the Americans' docile presence in their country baffling.

The original Gulf objective had been achieved by removing the threat to Kuwait, surely for the foreseeable future. Changing *the power balance within Iraq, if it is a* concern of anybody but the Iraqis, is for the United Nations and economic sanctions. Dismembering Iraq is not what even Saddam's fiercest enemies want to see. Turkey, Syria and Iran are happy to see him preoccupied with internal troubles: a weak Iraq is better than an unstable one.

American troops in Iraq are now in an ambiguous and invidious position. The shame of their presence might put pressure on Saddam to stand down, though he appears impervious to such pressure. The longer he stays in power, the more he can present the American presence as imperialism. Worse, the American lines are becoming a receptacle for vast numbers of refugees. Sooner or later the Americans must withdraw to Kuwait or Saudi Arabia. The longer they delay their departure, the more desperately will the rebelling Iraqis cling to their coat-tails.

The Gulf war was conducted by Mr Bush with a panache rare in American military policy overseas. It must not turn sour in a welter of Washington lobbying and confused objectives. The UN resolutions are in place to cover a withdrawal. The screw is still turning on Saddam. But the Americans must leave Iraq, fast.

HEALTH AND HARD CHOICES

When the National Health Service was launched, Aneurin Bevan truly believed it would become ever cheaper since disease would be reduced and the nation get ever more healthy. The medical budget would be reduced by treating free everybody in need. He was wrong. Demand has risen to outstrip each increase in the supply of health care. Another welfare principle must come into play, called the language of priorities.

"Priorities" is the word most on the lips of the health secretary, William Waldegrave, who yesterday implemented the hospital reforms planned by his many predecessors. The central weakness of the NHS hospital system was that, for 40 years, its use of money was haphazard, its selection of priorities irrational and its management structurally inefficient. The new "internal *market" should mean more and better* treatment for the same money and a start on a rational order of priorities. Hospitals should be induced to direct their spending towards the choices of patients and their general practitioners, and not towards the favoured specialisms of hospital doctors.

The reforms arose from the financial crisis of 1987, when thousands of beds had to be closed for lack of nurses to staff them. Margaret Thatcher announced a fundamental review. While unable to say how much total health care the country could afford, the review sought a more cost-effective and competitive health service by allowing money to "follow the patient".

An internal market with self-governing hospitals and general practices holding their own budgets will not bring an end to ward closures and waiting lists, though it should drastically reduce the latter. The "internal market" is not a *laissez faire* ideal but is still regulated from Whitehall. "Self-governing" hospitals were hoping for new freedom to set their own pay rates and borrow from the private sector. They have been denied this freedom by nervous ministers in thrall to the Treasury. Indeed so gentle is the "smooth take-off" the health department has devised that the public may soon wonder what the fuss has been about.

There will be teething troubles. The systems used by the hospitals to price operations are so undeveloped that many doctors will not know quite what they are getting for their money. Many hospitals will be unclear whether they can cover their costs. But as systems improve and the good get better, the money should flow to them from the bad. Ministers must be ready to see hospitals threatened with bankruptcy, painfully putting their affairs to rights amid much bad publicity for the government. The acid test would come if the market ruled against a great London teaching hospital and closure was threatened.

Setting priorities is about rationing. At present, doctors ration health care case by case. A sixty-year-old is unlikely to get a renal transplant, a heavy smoker may not get a heart transplant. Non-acute surgery is rationed by delay, cosmetic surgery is increasingly rationed by price. Mr Waldegrave has decided to make the rationing of hospital care more explicit. A green paper in May will set out the national health targets towards which all health authorities will have to work.

Priorities were taking shape under the old system. Dentistry and routine eye testing have been largely privatised. People wanting cosmetic surgery, such as tattoo removals, are told they will not be treated on the NHS. Many NHS hospitals are no longer offering infertility treatment, or even sterilisation. Preventive medicine, on the other hand, has been encouraged.

Given the demand-led nature of a national health service, no politician's promise to spend more should be taken seriously without a statement of his priorities for spending that money. Mr Waldegrave's green paper should spell out these priorities. The public must be educated out of the old false world of unlimited health care and into a new world of hard choices.

WATERING THE RIVERS

No small rivers in the world have been so dearly loved, or have inspired such literature, as the chalk streams of southern England. Over the last century and a half, the classic techniques of fishing by dry fly for trout have been refined to a delicate art. The trout move through crystal-clear water as flies rest on the surface. An angler's imitation fly, matched to the natural ones *except for its hook, is landed on the water's* surface with the utmost lightness to tempt the trout to rise.

These chalk streams – the Test, Itchen and Avon in Hampshire, the Lambourne and Kennet in Berkshire, the Nadder and Wylye in Wiltshire – are not for fishermen only. They enhance the landscape. Fed by underground springs and therefore exceptionally pure, they rise in the belt of chalk that stretches across southern *England from* the Chilterns to Dorset.

They are under threat. The last three winters have been relatively dry, the summers relatively hot. Water companies, liking the natural purity of the water, have abstracted too much from the underground chalk aquifers that supply them. Water levels have fallen and in summer the smaller streams dry up completely. Algal growth has damaged the water weed on *which insect life* depends. As the opening of their summer season approaches, fishing interests are predicting that game fishing on the chalk streams of southern England may not survive much longer.

The National Rivers Authority has made its first projections of water supply and demand in England and Wales for the next 20 years. In the south and east, projected supply will be inadequate, even if the climate does not change. The NRA is developing a strategy to balance competing needs for a resource which is no longer unlimited. This must mean some form of rationing by price, however unpopular.

Last weekend was the closing date for consultation on the future of water charging, undertaken by the Office of Water Services. This began as a search for the most acceptable alternative to water rates (based on rateable values) after the introduction of the poll tax. A reversion to property taxes *would make* the continuation of water rates viable, but with a flat rate charge there is no disincentive to waste. Charging for water should mean saving it. If general metering is not preferred, there should at least be compulsory metering for properties over a certain size, or as a condition of a garden hose licence. If river levels go on falling, hosepipe bans may become permanent.

Meanwhile the NRA is proposing to revoke abstraction licences in the worst afflicted areas. Water is precious, and even in damp Britain, not unlimited. One man's green lawn is another's dried-up river bed.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dilemma on intervention in Iraq

From Mr Christopher Jackson, MEP for Kent East (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, As Saddam Hussein ruthlessly kills his fellow countrymen to retain power, and as we hear of continuing problems in Kuwait, many who felt confident about the rightness of the UN-backed liberation of Kuwait feel more than a shudder of unease at what is left undone.

The issues raised are extremely complex; but should intervention continue to stop short with the protection of sovereignty and national borders, ignoring the most extreme offences against human rights?

The European Commission recently stated that the EC must in future ensure that its development policy leads to, and is linked with, progress towards democracy and observance of human rights. *It is* one thing for a donor state to make gifts conditional on observance of human rights; another for a state to link this observance to sanctions (as in the case of South Africa); and yet another to engage in aggressive action to enforce observance of human rights.

The practical objections to interference are substantial. Interference may cause more harm than good; it may involve outsiders in costly and totally intractable disputes, and it would exceed any authority so far given by the UN. Regionally agreed approaches, such as the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, have much appeal.

The challenge is, however, clear. The countries which years ago produced the universal declaration of human rights – still widely ignored – have a moral duty to go beyond the mere preservation of *national boundaries, and develop* ways of stopping totalitarian regimes slaughtering their people and perpetrating gross offence against human rights.

Human rights and government by consent must be the key, but the latter will still be unacceptable to many regimes. Should the UN Security Council assume a new responsibility to entertain pleas by "rebels" for action on the grounds of human rights and government by consent? If not, should the major powers do so? At what point is action justifiable?

These horrid conundra deserve more thought and open discussion. While they are being solved, more innocents are being killed and maimed. As for the current situation, I for one would welcome a US decision to forbid all aerial movement by the Iraqis.

Yours faithfully,
CHRISTOPHER JACKSON,
8 Wellmeade Drive,
Sevenoaks, Kent.

From Mr Jon Kimche

Sir, On this Good Friday, the Kurd in Kirkuk might well echo the cry on *Golgotha, "Eli! Eli! Why have you* forsaken me?". He would be calling not on his God but on George Bush and his UN cohorts, whose summons to rise against Saddam he had trustingly answered. There would be no reply from Washington, New York or Cairo – only cynical *realpolitik.*

This betrayal of the Kurds by the calculated inaction and sophistry of the Americans, the United Nations and the Arab League will not have passed unnoticed by others in the Middle East now being encouraged to place their trust in President Bush and in the authority of the UN – not least by the Israelis and by the Palestinian Arabs.

The consequences of this shameful international hand-washing are bound to haunt the further efforts of Washington and the UN coalition to achieve any kind of credibility for whatever guarantees and initiatives *they may have on offer in their* peace-seeking process. Good Friday in Kirkuk will not lightly be forgotten in Jerusalem.

Yours etc.,
JON KIMCHE,
Camilla Lacey Lodge,
Westhumble, Surrey.
March 29.

Private investment code for Ethiopia

From Mrs Margaret Daly, MEP for Somerset and Dorset West (European Democrat (Conservative))

Sir, Earlier this month I led a delegation of five MEPs from the European Parliament's development committee to Ethiopia, and I agree with much of what you say in your leading article, "The politics of famine" (March 21).

There is no doubt that the foreign exchange crisis is serious. Factories are closing or are on short time because there is no hard currency to buy oil and foreign inputs. Urgent short-term assistance in the form of import support is needed and may have to be given before a peace settlement is possible.

The conversion from marxism has gone further than peasant farming, as Professor Pickett's letter of March 19 indicated. All existing state enterprises are to stop receiving subsidies and are being set targets of efficiency, profitability and competitiveness, like any private business.

A new investment code for private investors has been drawn up, with the help of seconded officials from the World Bank, which provides a range of incentives and guarantees. Restrictions on private investment in all sectors of the economy have been lifted, and local entrepreneurs are being encouraged to seek foreign partners in joint ventures.

We should not overlook the fact that peace will only come if all partners make concessions. The Eritrean and Tigrean rebels profess outdated marxist and Albanian *versions of marxism, so it would be* unwise for Westerners to assume that a rebel victory would hasten the end of any Marxist remnants in the Mengistu administration.

At grass-roots level we found people anxious for peace. The drain of war on resources has been enormous, and a calculated risk may have to be taken to stop economic collapse.

It would be wrong to label such action as "propping-up" Mengistu. Many senior figures in Ethiopia have shown considerable moral courage in forcing a philosophical U-turn. They need some help now to underpin and extend the reforms.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET DALY,
The Old School House, Aisholt,
Spaxton, Bridgwater, Somerset.
March 25.

Military 'minders' and the media task

From Mr Michael Mates, MP for Hampshire East (Conservative)

Sir, Professor Dworkin's article on censorship ("No news is bad news for democracy", March 27) is based on the wrong premise. One does not go to war to protect the freedom of the press, but to defend freedom itself. The fact that, in the Gulf, the media were reporting from both sides of the conflict made it even more necessary to control what the press reported in order not to put lives at risk.

When he writes that "the people have a right – even a duty – to make up their own minds . . . whether it is tolerable . . .", Professor Dworkin is correct. The people had six months to think about it and were not found wanting on either side of the Atlantic.

On the whole the media acted responsibly throughout the conflict. No journalist whom I met on two visits to our troops complained of undue restriction.

In a democracy the government of the day is unlikely to commit troops to battle without the consent (albeit tacit) of the majority. Once the political decision has been taken, it is for the military commanders to execute the will of the government as best they can. If that means restricting reporting until the conflict is over, then it is perfectly *justifiable to do so.*

Having assented to the principle that conflict is justifiable, the public only *needs* to know when it is over: and who won.

I have the honour to be, Sir, your obedient servant,
MICHAEL MATES (Chairman,
Select Committee on Defence),
House of Commons.
March 27.

From Mr Paul Jackson

Sir, Professor Ronald Dworkin severely weakens his case for less wartime censorship by writing:

> Of course, General Schwarzkopf was right to *prevent* (my italics) television crews from filming the swing of his troops far to the left of the Iraqi defences, a manoeuvre that the Iraqis, without air power, could not see for themselves.

The implication seems to be that *restraint by military "minders"* prevented the media from publishing information which could have cost thousands of Allied lives. That is hardly an argument for relaxation of controls.

On day 1 of the air campaign, I understand, the media were asked not to report immediately that the two crew of an RAF Tornado had ejected over enemy territory and were being sought by rescue parties. *Publication would have endangered* the lives of the men, the Special Forces teams operating inside Iraq and the crews of rescue helicopters.

Inevitably, the story appeared on newspaper front pages on day 2; and the badly beaten-up crew appeared on Iraqi TV on day 3.

The public has a right to know; but it also has a right to be told by a responsible media. I believe the public would never forgive a ministry of defence which allowed only the sense of discretion of an average UK media *representative* to stand between their sons in the armed forces and death.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL JACKSON,
The Grange,
Pulham Market,
Diss, Norfolk.
March 27.

Sales in two cities

From Mr Peter P. Rigby

Sir, The draft plan for the City of Westminster, on which you commented favourably in a recent leading article (March 15), may reveal the strength of the residential lobby in that particular area and (after the abolition of business rates) perhaps the relative weakness of the commercial lobby; but the fact of its publication has no such significance.

While it may be that the highest rents paid for property in Westminster equal, or even exceed, the highest rents for property in the Square Mile, it is clear that landlords in both areas are currently having to attract commercial tenants with generous allowances and realistically reduced rents, in line with the economic recession which has been a feature of business life for at least the last year.

Westminster is no doubt one of the great cities of Europe; but its role is different to that of the City of London and its property market should be regarded as complementary to, rather than in competition with, that of the City of London.

Of the many factors that affect the rent levels charged for property, perhaps the greatest is the amount of space available to meet the demand for any particular use. Rent levels in Westminster and the City may therefore be indicative of the amount of suitable space available to meet the requirements of those organisations wishing to take accommodation in each of the two areas; but they should not be regarded as a measure of the success or otherwise of local planning policies.

When the Corporation of London decided to encourage office development, thus furthering the policies in its local plan to maintain and expand its role as a leading international financial centre, it did so after careful consultation with its "ratepayers". In a changing world the City has responded flexibly.

If, as you say, Westminster has chosen to "turn away commerce", then that is their choice. It is not a *choice that the City of London* wishes to take nor one, I suggest, which it should be urged to adopt.

Yours very truly,
PETER P. RIGBY (Chairman,
Policy and Resources Committee),
Corporation of London,
Members' Room, PO Box 270,
Guildhall, EC2.
March 27.

Religion in schools

From Professor John M. Hull

Sir, The account by your Religious Affairs Correspondent (March 22) of the recent letter on religious education sent out by the DES was misleading. The substance of the letter's legal advice is that:

> . . . an agreed syllabus . . . cannot confine itself exclusively to religious education based on Christian traditions, or exclude from its teaching any of the principal religions represented in Great Britain. The precise balance of the content would need to be determined locally.

Schools are not told to "put emphasis on Christianity", as your headline claims. If anything, the advice strengthens the claim that the 1988 Act makes mandatory a world-religious approach to religious education, since it emphasises that the new syllabuses must not exclude *any* of the other principal religions. This is, I believe, a new element in the debate.

The letter certainly has not come as a "bombshell" to LEAs, as the MP for Selby is reported as stating. It does no more than confirm existing practice both since the new Act and before it; nor is there any reference in it, actual or implicit, to thematic teaching. Indeed, the advice re-emphasises that questions of content in teaching religious education remain a local responsibility.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN M. HULL (Dean),
Faculty of Education and
Continuing Studies,
The University of Birmingham,
Edgbaston, Birmingham 15.
March 27.

An older Russia

From Mr Adrian Room

Sir, In the light of plans reported in the Soviet press for certain towns to revert to their pre-Revolutionary names (Diary, March 11; letters, March 20), perhaps we in this country should take a special interest in the industrial city of Donetsk, in the Ukraine.

This town arose from the ironworks set up there in 1869 by the Welshman, John Hughes, to provide iron for all Russia's railways. It was accordingly named Yuzovka ("Hughesovka") and retained this name until 1924, when it was renamed Stalino (until 1961, when it was given its present name).

So far as I know this is the only major Russian town to have been named for a Briton. If the present renaming policy is implemented we could once again have a reminder on the world map of the enterprise of this successful British industrialist.

Yours faithfully,
ADRIAN ROOM,
12 High Street, St Martin's,
Stamford, Lincolnshire.

NHS dental treatment

From Mrs P. Hardy

Sir, The announcement of increases in the cost of NHS dental treatment is pretty meaningless in this part of the country, since almost all of the local dentists have recently ceased to carry out NHS treatment except for children and exempt adults.

There does not appear to have been any major outcry about this, presumably because not all dentists have notified their patients about their change to private practice. I only found out when I needed treatment for a broken filling.

Even under the NHS, dental treatment was not cheap. It is now becoming expensive, and a large number of people simply won't be able to afford it, or the insurance schemes which most dentists now offer.

Is the government aware of what is happening, and what, if anything, is going to be done about it?

Yours sincerely,
P. HARDY,
Berkeley Cottage, Green Lane,
Great Missenden,
Buckinghamshire.

Justice in court

From Mr Charles Cunningham

Sir, May I, as a practising barrister, offer two comments on the article by David Wolchover and Anthony Heaton-Armstrong, "Small steps to win justice" (Law, March 19).

1. The record of a police interview is commonly presented in the form of a summary of the tape, rather than a transcript. The summaries are often defective, in giving more detail to what helps the prosecution than to what might help the defence.

That need not be dishonest. After all, the interview is with a view to a prosecution, and précis-writing is a considerable skill, which has to be learnt. These may be teething troubles, but for the present I almost always ask for and listen to the tape, if time permits.

2. While it may be too late, by some centuries, to go over to an inquisitorial *system* of criminal law, might it not be possible and desirable to introduce an inquisitorial *element* – namely, a professional *juge d'instruction,* whose independent preliminary examination might help to prevent a recurrence of disasters of the Birmingham and Guildford nature?

That would not be a small step; but it may perhaps be one that the royal commission would wish to consider.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CUNNINGHAM,
St Ive's Chambers,
Fountain Court,
Steelhouse Lane,
Birmingham 4.

VAT *on the ice*

From Miss Lisa Grief

Sir, It may well be reasonable to describe some of the more exotic lines produced by the ice-cream companies, intended to cash in on a short-term craze, as confectionery and therefore liable to VAT. It is utterly beyond reason, however, to suggest that the four-litre ice-cream tub, purchased with many other household items each week from the supermarket falls into the same category – particularly as frozen mousse, yogurt and many other dairy products are classified as food and are therefore zero-rated.

Yours sincerely,
LISA GRIEF (General Secretary),
Ice Cream Alliance Ltd.,
90/94 Gray's Inn Road, WC1.
March 26.

Slow boat to Belgium

From Mr B. Sudjic

Sir, Progress is indeed a strange thing. I have just returned from a weekend in Antwerp and came back via the Ostend-Dover sea crossing. Amomg the tempting items on sale on the ship were reproductions of posters from the 1930s.

One of these advertised a crossing time from Dover to Ostend of three hours. The scheduled time for the crossing I was on was four hours.

Yours etc.,
BRANISLAV SUDJIC,
32 Cumberland Street,
Edinburgh 3.

Diet and menopause

From Professor S. H. U. Bowie, FRS, FEng

Sir, The difference of about 10 years, in 1962, between the age of menopause in the UK (47 years) and that in the Scottish islands (57 years) is no doubt due to genetic factors; but it is almost certainly not induced by "harsh conditions" (Medical Briefing, March 21).

The illustration of women at a herring fishing-station gives a clue *to the real reason. The diet of* islanders a century and more ago was much more wholesome than in the UK as a whole, consisting as it did of fresh and salted herring, white fish, mutton, cabbage, turnips, potatoes, oats, barley, eggs, milk, butter and other milk products.

According to the *British Journal of Hospital Medicine,* the average age of menopause in the UK outside the islands has increased from 47 to 51 years since 1962, with the "higher standard of living". This indicates that it was clean air and the health-giving diet of islanders in the past that led to the observed delay in the onset of menopause.

Yours faithfully,
S. H. U. BOWIE,
Tanyard Farm, Clapton,
Crewkerne, Somerset.

Aim of red routes

From Mr T. H. Hughes-Davies

Sir, Like most roads and railways, red routes (letters, March 26) aim for the centre. London needs a series of circular clearways for buses to link stations on the different radii. Many passengers could then avoid the centre entirely.

Yours sincerely,
T. H. HUGHES-DAVIES,
Breamore Marsh,
Fordingbridge,
Hampshire.
March 25.

Coming or going

From Mr N. A. Alington

Sir, In response to Mr Taylor's question (March 25), "cutting and running" occurs when the government's calling of an election catches the Opposition unprepared. "Clinging desperately to power" begins when the Opposition believes that its own preparations for an election campaign are complete.

Yours faithfully,
N. ALINGTON,
6 Cresswell Gardens, SW5.
March 26.

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SOCIAL NEWS

Forthcoming marriages

Mr G.L. Brogden
and Miss C. Chalmers

The engagement is announced between Guy, only son of Mr F.W.A. Brogden and the late Mrs V.L. Brogden, of Lincoln, and Catriona, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs I.G. Chalmers, of Forres, Moray.

Dr A.D. Browning
and Ms H.J. Corless

The engagement is announced between David, elder son of Mr and Mrs Andrew Browning, of Paisley, and Helen, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Corless, of Bedford.

Mr J.B. Henderson
and Miss A.E.M. Fisher

The engagement is announced between James, younger son of Mr and Mrs Ian Henderson, of Overstrand Mansions, London, SW11, and Alexandra, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Benjamin Fisher, of Beaumont House, Beaumont-cum-Moze, Essex.

Mr N.R. Shott
and Mrs C.E.K. Macdonald-Smith

The engagement is announced between Nicholas Shott, of Monkton Deverill, Wiltshire, and Caroline Macdonald-Smith, of London.

Mr C.A.R. Staveley
and Miss J. Birkenhead

The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs N. Staveley, of Flackwell Heath, Buckinghamshire, and Jane, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. Birkenhead, of Bickington, Devon.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charlemagne, king of the Franks and Holy Roman Emperor 801-14, Aix-à-Chapelle(?), 742(?); Giovanni Casanova, adventurer, Venice, 1725; Hans Christian Andersen, Odense, Denmark, 1805; William Holman Hunt, painter, member of the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood, London, 1827; Émile Zola, novelist and critic, Paris, 1840.

DEATHS: Honoré Mirabeau, politician and orator, Paris, 1791; Sir James Clark Ross, Polar explorer, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, 1862; Richard Cobden, "The Apostle of Free Trade", London, 1865; Samuel Morse, painter and inventor of the telegraphic code of that name, New York, 1872; Edward O'Connor Terry, actor-manager, 1912; C. S. Forrester, novelist, Fullerton, California, 1966; Georges Pompidou, President of France 1969-74, Paris, 1974.

Birthdays today

Sir Jack Brabham, racing driver, 65; Mr Linford Christie, athlete, 31; Air Marshal Sir Geoffrey Dhenin, 73; Captain Sir Richard Dobbs, Lord Lieutenant of Co Antrim, 72; Mr Leslie Farrer-Brown, former chairman, Alliance Building Society, 87; Sir Christopher France, civil servant, 57; Miss Catherine Gaskin, author, 62.

Sir Alec Guinness, actor, 77; Viscount Hambleden, 61; Mr Barry Hills, racehorse trainer, 54; Sir Ian Hunter, impresario, 72; Miss Penelope Keith, actress, 51; Sir Peter Lazarus, civil servant, 65; Sir Peter Middleton, civil servant, 57; Sir Robert Munro, former president, Senate of Fiji, 84; the Marquess of Northampton, 45; Major-General C.J. Popham, 64; Mr M.G. Rizzello, sculptor and coin designer, 65; Sir Denis Rooke, former chairman, British Gas, 67; Lord Skelmersdale, 46; Vice-Admiral Sir Hugh Thompson, 60.

University news

Loughborough

Honorary degrees are to be conferred upon the following:

Miss Kate Adie, journalist (Hon DLitt); Professor Per-Olof Astrand, former head of department of physiology, Karolinska Institute, Stockholm (Hon DSc); Herr Karl Friedrich Binder, mayor, Schwäbisch Hall (Hon DLitt); Dr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, author and broadcaster (Hon DLitt); Mr Wilfred Chan, consulting engineer (Hon DTech); Miss Heather Couper, astronomy broadcaster and author (Hon DLitt); Dame Judi Dench, actress (Hon DLitt); Sir John Harvey-Jones, Chancellor of Bradford University and former Chairman of ICI (Hon DTech).

Professor Brian Mellitt, FEng, engineering director, London Underground (Hon DTech); J Richard S Morris, FEng, Chairman, Brown and Root (UK) (Hon DTech); Professor Ron Oxburgh, FRS, Chief Scientific Adviser, Ministry of Defence (Hon DSc); Professor John Parnaby, FEng, Managing Director, Lucas Applied Technology (Hon DTech); Professor John Pickford, emeritus professor, water engineering and development centre, Loughborough University of Technology (Hon DTech); Ms Stephanie (Steve) Shirley, formerly President of the British Computer Society (Hon DTech); Mr Bernard Smith, formerly General Secretary, Charnwood Community Council, (Hon MA).

Today's royal engagement

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit the Windsor branch of Arthritis Care at the King Edward Hospital at 9.00.

Correction

The correct name of the new scientific journal dedicated to research on the past 10,000 years (report, March 12) is *The Holocene*.

OBITUARIES

MARIA REINING

Maria Reining, Austrian soprano, has died at the age of 87. She was born on August 7, 1903 in Vienna.

Maria Reining as Elisabeth in *Tannhäuser*

MARIA Reining was one of the leading sopranos at the Vienna State Opera and the Salzburg Festival in the period before, during and just after the war. She excelled in the operas of Wagner and Richard Strauss. Her silvery, shining soprano was allied to a radiant presence on stage. Her beauty of tone, firm line and aristocratic phrasing were complemented by her obvious sincerity of expression. Everything she undertook came from the heart.

She first worked in the foreign currency department of a bank as her voice was not discovered until she was 25. After studying in Vienna she made her debut at the State Opera in 1931 singing soubrette roles. In 1933 she joined the company in Darmstadt and then in 1935 moved to Munich, but her career really took wing when she went back to Vienna in 1937 and sang substantially the roles that had previously been taken by Lotte Lehmann. Indeed she became the house's leading lyric-dramatic soprano, noted as Countess Almaviva, Pamina, Agathe, Elisabeth, Desdemona, Marenka, Tatyana, Manon, Mimi and Butterfly, a wide range of roles.

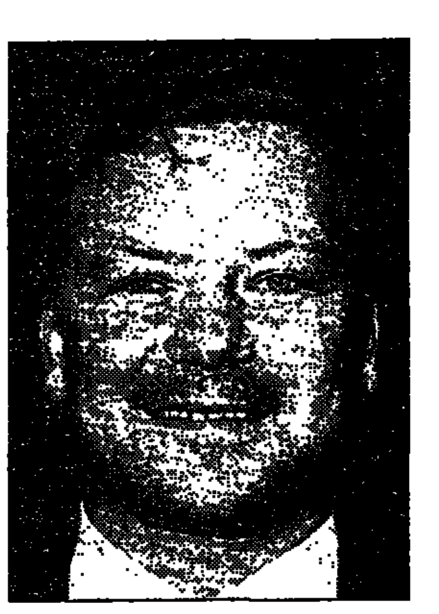
In 1937 she was chosen by Toscanini to be Eva in his performances of *Die Meistersinger* at the Salzburg Festival. The same year she also sang the title part in Weber's *Euryanthe* there, adding Elisabeth in *Tannhäuser* and Countess Almaviva in the years before the war. When the festival restarted in 1947 she re-appeared as the Marschallin in *Der Rosenkavalier* and in the title part of *Arabella*; both these portrayals are happily preserved in live performances on non-commercial discs. They show the peculiarly natural and spontaneous manner of Reining's singing and diction. Further confirmation of her art is to be heard on her account of the title role in Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos* at the Vienna State Opera in 1944, a performance given to celebrate the composer's 80th birthday. She recorded the Marschallin again in Erich Kleiber's famous 1953 Decca recording of the opera, now on CD, and she was still singing the role to much acclaim at the opening of the rebuilt State Opera in 1955.

She sang at Covent Garden as Elsa in *Lohengrin* in 1938 when *The Times* reported that "every inflection of voice and movement of body had winning graciousness". Had the war not intervened she would have had a substantial career on the international scene. As it was her only American appearances were as Eva and Madam Butterfly at the Chicago Opera in 1938 and as the Marschallin and Ariadne with the New York City Opera in 1949.

Bruno Walter described her as "a Helen of bel canto". Richard Strauss admired her inordinately and accompanied her in recital and on records in performances of his songs. Her records leave us with a reasonable representation of her art, but, of course, the warm presence is absent.

ALDO RAY

Aldo Ray, American film actor, died in Martinez, California, on March 27 aged 64. He was born on September 5, 1926.



ALDO Ray combined the persona of screen tough guy with that of Hollywood hell raiser when off the film set. He was most at home in combat roles and his peak was undoubtedly his performance as Croft, the proto-fascist platoon sergeant in Raoul Walsh's screen version of Norman Mailer's novel of the Pacific war, *The Naked and the Dead*. With his gravel voice and features which could assume an expression of primeval brutality, Ray filled the boots of Mailer's character to perfection, even if the film did have to be shorn of the book's profane language in the chaste film-going ethos of 1958, the year of its release.

Ray was born Aldo Da Re in Pen Argyl, Pennsylvania, but his family moved to northern California while he was still in his infancy. He grew up there, leaving school to be called up into the United States navy in the latter part of the second world war. He served as a navy frogman and took part in the invasion of Okinawa, an experience which enabled him to bring authenticity to his martial screen roles.

Returning home from the war, he embarked on a career in law enforcement and was elected constable of Crockett, California, in 1950. His career as a peace officer was not to be a long one. He had already been selected to play a college footballer in *Saturday's Heroes*, which came out in the following year, and though he returned to his job after it was shot, its success persuaded him to make a career in movies.

He did not immediately become the screen tough guy. One of his earliest and most effective roles was as the jovial Sergeant O'Hara playing opposite Rita Hayworth in *Miss Sadie Thompson* (1954), a second remake of the celebrated *Rain* of 1932, a version of Somerset Maugham's short story. Other films to that point had been the tragi-comic *The Marrying Kind* (1951) and the easy-going comedy *Pat and Mike* of the same year. But his role in *The Naked and the Dead* established him in a hard-as-nails image which he liked — and which he carried over into real life.

His last major role was alongside John Wayne and David Janssen in the violent, uncritical Vietnam movie *The Green Berets* of 1968. In this he was cast as the tough Sergeant Muldoon by Wayne, who also directed the movie, and was given lines which confronted liberal critics of *the US* army's role *in Vietnam thus*: "A soldier goes where he is told to go and fights where he is told to fight." These sentiments, which echoed the feelings of The Duke, his director, were not far, either, from Ray's own opinion of such matters.

Thereafter, however, Ray had difficulty maintaining top billing and his career went into a sad decline. Latterly he had been making undistinguished B movies such as *The Centerfold Girls*, *Psychic Killer* and *The Great Skycopter Rescue*.

He was three times married and is survived by two sons, one of whom, Eric Da Re, featured as Leo, the crazed wife-beater in the television series *Twin Peaks*, and a daughter.

PROFESSOR J. R. A. MITCHELL

Professor J. R. A. Mitchell, Foundation Professor of Medicine at Nottingham Medical School from 1967 to 1990, died on March 22 aged 62. He was born on October 20, 1928.

J. R. A. (Tony) Mitchell went from Oxford, where he had spent 12 years, to take up the foundation chair of medicine at the new Nottingham University Medical School, which was, on its opening in 1967, the first of the new medical schools to be established in the United Kingdom in this century. Mitchell came to his new chair with an already high reputation for his studies of vascular disease and high blood pressure and for his investigations into the reasons for a range of cardio-vascular problems.

At Nottingham he continued these studies, as well as addressing himself to the formidable task of establishing the university as a major regional medical school with the aim of providing more doctors for the over-stretched regional medical system. The two requirements made a difficult task in tandem. Though a large new teaching hospital was really a *sine qua non* for such aims, it did not exist in Nottingham at the time of Mitchell's appointment and was not to be forthcoming for ten years. Nevertheless Mitchell pressed forward with the establishment of a full clinical service at the existing Nottingham General Hospital, oppressed though that often was with the twin and familiar afflictions of a heavy patient list and shortage of staff. Mitchell's insistence from the outset in establishing research in laboratories built on hospital wards and on improving standards to national levels eventually bore fruit in an increased flow of medical graduates which was at the same time harmonised with what hospital requirements could practically absorb.

John Richard Anthony Mitchell was a graduate of Manchester where he took his BSc and MB ChB before proceeding to an MD. After the usual junior house jobs, which he served in Manchester, he did his national service as a medical specialist in the Royal Army Medical Corps. On bei demobilised he went to O ford first as a registrar a lecturer and subsequently a Medical Research Council f low before becoming fi assistant in 1963. He was fellow of Linacre College fro 1964 to 1968. At Oxford work on platelets in blood a the conditions under whi changes in them can lead cardio-vascular crises earn him a DPhil. He publish *Arterial Disease* in 1961.

When he moved to Notti ham his continuing resear led to further papers on pects of vascular disease a he became an internationa respected authority on hyp tension and thrombosis. once told a meeting of t World Congress of Cardiolc that university-educated m were less likely to suffer fr heart disease than their le educated fellows and, m controversially, on ano occasion published a su indicating that more h than good might well be d by treating high blood p sure in very old patie Among his extra-unive duties included the pos adviser in general medicir the DHSS and he wa president of the Associatio Physicians of Great Bri and Ireland.

He retired in 1990 tragically, had all too sho time left to indulge his times, music, history local and natural, and c boating. He died in Corn while on a lecture tour.

He leaves his wid Muriel, and their two sons two daughters.

SIR FRED HARDMAN

Lord Lane of Horsell writes:

PERHAPS I may be allowed to add a little to your excellent obituary of Sir Fred Hardman (March 21). As you rightly say he was a splendid chairman of the National Union and thus the Party Conference in 1981. His influence in the voluntary side of the party led far beyond the trades union aspect political activities. He warm hearted and gen chairman and his spk good humour both at conference and at other ings during his year of was a great stimulation of us lucky enough to under him.

Airship survivor's log for auction

By JOHN SHAW

LOGBOOKS, photographs and some rather exclusive crockery belonging to the world's first air steward appear at auction this month recalling the brief but luxurious airship age between the wars.

Heinrich Kubis began his career with the German Zeppelin-Reederei company in 1921, served in eight airships and was one of only a handful of people to escape the Hindenburg disaster at Lakehurst, New Jersey, in May 1937.

He was chief steward, pursar and passenger liaison officer on board the Graf Zeppelin. Airships were seen as the future for long distance air travel and it was a leading contender in the race for supremacy between Britain and Germany.

The Graf Zeppelin was first into the air. Kubis was on its major flights round the world and logged more than 1.5 million kilometres, 15,500 hours and 135 ocean crossings between 1929-36. He then moved to the new Hindenberg.

The sale includes two rare photographs of the 1936 Berlin Olympics, one from the air, the other from the ground showing the airship passing over the stadium.

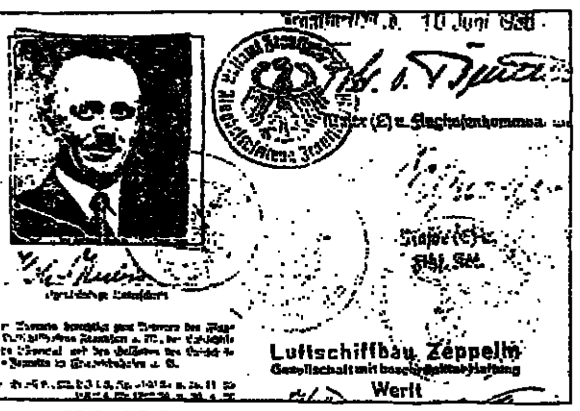
There is a navigation map, luggage labels and writing paper all bearing the company logo and the sheet music for the Eckener march, a piece dedicated to Dr Hugo Eckener, inventor of the Zeppelin.

The airships could be death traps, as the British R101 showed when it crashed in northern France on its maiden flight in 1931. Just six of the 54 passengers survived.

Herr Kubis only survived the Hindenberg catastrophe, broadcast live to a stunned radio audience, by jumping from his restaurant window 21 feet to the ground. He was awarded a medal and a return journey home in the liner Bremen.

British airship development stopped after the R101 and the Hindenberg tragedy signalled the end in Germany. The two remaining Zeppelins were broken up for scrap in 1940.

Herr Kubis spent the war in charge of the company canteen and died aged 84 in 1972. His unique collection recalling a now half-forgotten time is expected to make in the region of £10,000 at the Science Museum, Roughton, near Swindon, Wiltshire, on April 29.



Heinrich Kubis's identity card, dated 1936.

Jains open temple as a tourist centre

By SIMON TAIT, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A CONGREGATIONAL chapel in Leicester's city centre has been transformed into the western world's first Jain temple at a cost £1.3 million. Today it opens as a tourist centre.

Jainism is probably the world's oldest religion, once followed by a third of Indians but now obscured by the two other ancient "existences" in Indian belief, Buddhism and Hinduism.

Jains abjure all violence, are strict vegetarians and believe in no creating god. In their most extreme sects they sweep the path before them with soft brushes in case they step on a living thing, wear gauze masks so as not to breathe in and destroy microscopic life-forms, and for some Jain monks even clothing is too unnatural to be acceptable. Jains believe in reincarnation.

Instead of gods Jains follow the 24 jinas, or teachers, who conquered their human instincts to achieve the perfect state of "nirvana". The last of the jinas, Mahavira, was born in 599 BC.

Jainism claims 25,000 devotees in Britain, 19,000 of them in London and 1,000 in Leicester, while a tenth of India's 800 million population is Jain.

The Leicester project began in 1980 and its guiding force has been a general medical practitioner, Natubhai Shah, born into a Gujerati Jain community, who came to Leicester in 1967. "Anybody can be a Jain" he said. "We have no priests, no sabbath, we require no initiation or even declaration, merely the belief that to know onself is the beginning of all solutions and the adherence to our principles: non-violence to all living creatures, truth and moderation in acquiring personal possessions. We believe that many Christians and other religious believers can learn from us and so we are opening the temple as a tourist centre. Our duty is to reveal Jainism and Indian sacred art."

The grim red brick front of the Oxford Street Congregational Church has been dressed in exquisitely carved white marble. Inside, the traditional chapel lay-out of a galleried hall has been transformed with a carved staircase sweeping up to a carpeted temple on a floor installed at gallery level.

To bear the 44 varnished sandstone pillars weighing 250 tons, the new floor has had to be reinforced. The carving on the pillars and the 21 ceilings above relates tales from the lives of the jinas, and the sculpture inside and out took artists in Ahmedabad four years to complete, making it to the exact specifications of the temple. After free transportation to Britain it fitted exactly.

All the money has been given by Jains in Britain, the United States, Africa, Belgium and India. £130,000 has come from Jain jewellers based in Antwerp.

The Jain Centre, or Jain Samaj Europe, is the first Indian temple to adopt the Christian practice of making stained glass windows, and the ten panels, made in Bombay, tell the life story of Mahavira. Beneath the temple is a library, a meeting hall and a restaurant. Later this year a £54,000 Jain museum will open, jointly funded by Leicester County Council and the Department of the Environment.

Archaeology

Now ancient Pompeii i covered by a computer

By NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

POMPEII has been computerised: conservation, cataloguing and visitor instruction at the ancient Roman city near Naples are now being managed by a set of specially written computer programs compiled by the Italian branch of IBM.

"From the start we aimed to achieve something more than a mere catalogue of finds", says Mr Stefano Bruschini, of IBM, in the current issue of *Archaeology*. "The computer screen can act as a window onto texts, archaeological and technical maps, and images of documents, frescoes and iconographic sources: we sought to create a 'knowledge model' of Pompeii and its environs."

The first step was the mapping of the 140 square miles of the Sarno River valley at the foot of Vesuvius, and maps were made showing archaeological, geological and hydrological features at several different scales. Pompeii itself was mapped at a scale of 1:1000. On to this base more than 12,000 entries on individual finds, more than 22,000 excavation records, and some 8,700 digitised colour images of wallpaintings and artefacts have been plotted.

The distribution of cult, public and commercial buildings, including the relationship between brothels and other industries, "will enable us to better comprehend city planning, as well as the social, economic, and political life of Pompeii", Mr Bruschini says.

The database enables individual finds to be called up and analysed in detail: 150 types of information had to be recorded for each fresco, itself collected as a digitised image, together with the sketches made when the murals were first uncovered. Photogrammetric images taken at intervals are being used to monitor changes, while ultraviolet fluorescence supplies information on the pigments used, and helps to distinguish the original paintings from subsequent restorations.

An imaging technique has been developed to simulate modifications to a dam fresco on the computer scr making it possible for restorer to experiment colours and patterns, visualise the results of rest tion before the physical begins.

Computer simulation also been used to translate decorative architectural tifs on murals in the Vill the Mysteries into th dimensional "walk-in" m els, and a set of interac programs is to be installe the site for visitors. One give an outline of what P peii was like in the century AD, while anot Digging in Progress, "g visitors the chance to exp the history of excavatio individual houses", Bruschini says.

The most popular ir active program tested so fa an "electronic tour" of House of Menander and of House of the Vettii.

Source: *Archaeology* 44 N 32-35.

Church musicians striking a sharp note

By RUTH GLEDHILL,
RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS
CORRESPONDENT

THE church musician can be a significant power, for better or for worse, according to a report which makes a plea for renewed harmony in the Church of Scotland.

The report says: "By virtue of the prominence of music in worship and the volume which a pipe or electronic organ can achieve, the power of the musician for good or ill should not be underrated."

There are church musicians, like some ministers, who are narrow minded, self-opinionated and in bondage to traditions which have long been superseded, it says. Music traditions can be more of an impediment than an aid to devotion, according to the report, published yesterday.

The Panel on Worship's music committee, in pursuit of a remit from last year's general assembly, met experts and practitioners in the field of church music on courses in the presbyteries of Forfar, Dumfries, Ardrossan and Falkirk and during events in Glasgow, Aberdeen and the isle of Arran.

The result of the consultation was the emergence of two key facts: the need for musicians to meet and the lack of trust, sharing and team work between ministers and musicians.

Many church musicians feel ignored, taken for granted or treated cursorily by their ministers: the result is a "kind of pernicious suspicion and even jealousy between them which can taint the spirit of worship and the life of the congregation," the report says.

The report highlights a lack of trust, sharing and team work between many ministers and musicians in the Church of Scotland.

Church musicians are affected by an "unhealthy degree of isolation": they do not meet and are unable to keep up with trends or find support, according to the report, to go to the kirk's general assembly next month.

A church building, with its inflexible architecture and immovable furniture, can mean an environment of enforced rigidity, the report says.

Some musicians could behave reprehensibly because they have never felt valued or been treated seriously.

"The praise list plunked down on the organ console 20 minutes before the morning service is both disabling to the musician and dishonouring to the worship, suggesting as it does that preparation for worship has a low profile in the minister's thinking.

"Church musicians by definition are at the centre of liturgical life; but if they are kept on the periphery of his planning or preparation, they may understandably become the keepers of their patch rather than the co-operators in the whole."

The report says that to engage someone for routine organ playing alone may not be best: congregational singing and repertoire and the use of other local musicians could also be on the agenda.

Beginning with the buttres

THE beginnings of Greek temple architecture are being unearthed at the Isthmus of Corinth (Our Archaeology Correspondent writes).

New discoveries at the Temple of Poseidon, which overlooks both the Saronic Gulf and the Gulf of Corinth at the gateway of the Peloponnese, show that the ancient architects were still nervous, and buttressed the walls of their innovative stone building.

The presence of buttresses around the exterior walls of the cella, the inner hall, strengthened the building and also supported wooden roof beams. The spacing of the buttresses has also allowed the intercolumnar distance of the peristyle of columns around the exterior of the temple to be calculated at 2.26 metres.

The Archaic temple of Poseidon, dating to the early seventh century BC, was first detected in 1952, but its dimensions and date remained unknown until 1989 (*The Times*, January 1, 1990). At the time, Dr Fritz Hemans, the project architect, said that it was "the earliest known Greek building constructed almost entirely of squared stone blocks, rather than rubble or mudbrick."

Dr Hemans was able calculate the temple as ha been 39 metres (127 feet) and more than 13 metres feet) wide, with a colonn surrounding the cella; it the earliest peristyle ten known in mainland Gre he said; it thus lay at beginning of a long archi tural tradition that embr the British Museum and US Supreme Court.

Professor Elizab Gebhard, the director of Isthmia excavations, said a painted frieze had decor the outside walls between buttresses.

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My deep desire and hope is that I shall never fail in my duty, but that at all times, and especially just now, I shall be full of courage so that with my whole being I shall bring honour to Christ...
Philippians 1 : 20 GNB

BIRTHS

KILNER - On March 11th, to Mary (nee Crowley) and John, a daughter, Diana Mary Isabelle.

MATHER - On March 30th to Fiona (nee Bell) and Graham a son, Alexander Richard Christopher, a brother for Oliver.

PELMORE - On March 30th, to Pat (nee Copping) and Alec, a son (Richard James).

DEATHS

CHURCH - On March 30th, peacefully, in a nursing home in Cirencester, Dr Decima Mary (nee Tracey) aged 86, widow of the late Dr J E (Joe) Church, of Rwanda and Uganda. Much loved by her children, John, David, Robin, Michael and Janine, daughters-in-law, and son-in-law, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Funeral service at Little Shelford Church, Cambridge, on Thursday 4th April at 2.30pm.

KENYON - On March 26th, very peacefully, Patricia. Dearly beloved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Eversley Parish Church, Hampshire on Friday April 5th at 2.30pm. Flowers to M Finch & Sons, Funeral Directors, 125 High St, Aldershot.

PARKER, Capt. Robert, Master Mariner late of Shell, devoted husband of Eileen, died on March 25th aged 80 years, after a long illness borne with immense courage and good humour. Deeply missed by his children Roberta, Michael and Marilyn, their partners, and his grandchildren Neill, Graeme, John and Alastair. Requiem Mass at St Patrick's Church, Southampton Wednesday 3rd April at 9.30 am. Enquiries to Mathews 0703 448469.

PRINGLE - On 29th March peacefully, Commander the Rev John Pringle, OBE RN aged 85 years, dearly loved husband of Cicely. Funeral service at Chapel of St Cross, Winchester, Friday 5th April at 3pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Missions to Seamen, Paternoster Royal, College Hill, London EC4 R2RC

TRENDALL - On 29th March 1991 at Harefield Hospital, Ann Gillian, wife of Michael John and daughter of Ann Mary and Robert Bartley Hodgetts. Funeral service at St Pauls, Hammersmith, at 11.30 on Thursday, 18th April 1991 and thereafter Mortlake Crematorium at 12.30pm.

WILKES - His Honour Lyall, at Bath on March 28th after brief illness in the presence of his wife and daughter Philippa. Beloved husband of Margaret, much loved father of Jessica, Joanna, Philippa and Elizabeth and dear grandfather. Funeral service and interment at St Mary Magdalene, Whalton, on Friday 5th April at 2.30pm.

WILLINK - On Good Friday, March 29th 1991. Peacefully at Laurel Bank Nursing Home, Kendal, after long illness, Joan Leslie Willink, (nee Smallwood) OBE aged 86, widow of Derek, formerly of Mirefoot Burneside. Much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at Lancaster Crematorium, 4pm. Thursday, April 4th. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Save the Children Fund, 42 Castle Street, Kendal, Cumbria.

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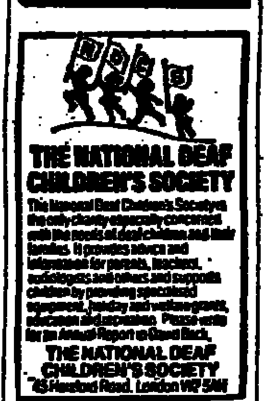

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ELECTION OF DENTISTS TO THE GENERAL DENTAL COUNCIL UNDER THE DENTISTS ACT, 1984

Constituency - Dentists whose addresses in the dentists register are in ENGLAND, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands.

1. Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the Dentists Act, 1984, an election of fourteen members to the General Dental Council to represent the above constituency for the five year period commencing on the first day of October, 1991, is about to be held.

2. Every registered dentist is entitled to be nominated as a candidate.

3. Any person entitled to vote in the constituency may take part in the nomination of any number of candidates not exceeding the number to be elected.

4. Each candidate must be nominated separately by the signatures of not fewer than twelve dentists in the above constituency, on not more than two nomination papers to be obtained from the Returning Officer; and every nomination paper shall contain the name, registered address and title to registration both of the candidate and of the nominators, together with a declaration signed by the candidate that he consents to be nominated and will accept office if duly elected.

5. The nomination paper or papers for each candidate must be delivered by hand or by registered post to the Returning Officer on or before the first day of May, 1991.

6. A nomination in respect of which any of these rules has not been complied with will be invalid.

NORMAN DAVIES,
Returning Officer,
Office of the General
Dental Council,
37 Wimpole Street,
London W1M 8DQ
Dated 2 April, 1991.

LEGAL NOTICES

RIVERDALE STUDIOS LIMITED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at The Palace Hotel, 31 Great Cumberland Place, Marble Arch, London W1 on 4th April 1991 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.

A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 45 Conduit Street, London W1R 9FB, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 21st March 1991
Brian Hammersley
Director

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF REGENT BUILDING CONTRACTORS LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8th April 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Terence John Roper, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 20th day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
R. J. MEESON
L. CAMPBELL
DIRECTORS

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF DHILLONS LTD
TRADING NAME: Dhillons
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 16th April 1991 at 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Jamie Taylor, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98 (2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED this 21st day of March 1991
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
GURNEK SINGH DHILLON
DIRECTOR

Matthews, Harris & Associates Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of Creditors of the above-named company will be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1M 1LB on 12th April 1991 at 10.30 hrs for the purposes mentioned in Sections 99, 100 and 101 of the said Act.
A list of names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection free of charge at 8 Baker Street, London W1M 1DA on 10th April 1991.
Dated: 26 March 1991
By Order of The Board
I E N Barnet
Director

CARLYN PLANT LIMITED
Registered number: 2146960. Nature of business: BUILDING CONTRACTORS. Trade classification: 23 Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 8th March 1991. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: BARCLAYS BANK PLC. Joint Administrative Receivers: Ian David Holland and John Samuel Francis Bennett (office holder nos: 02346 and 8393). Address: Casson Beckman & Partners Hobson House 155 Gower Street London WC1E 6BJ

IN THE MATTER OF AUTO BUILDERS EQUIPMENT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Creditors of the above named company, which is being voluntarily wound up, are required, on or before the 24th day of May 1991 to send in their full christian and surnames, their addresses and descriptions, full particulars of their debts or claims, and the names and addresses of their solicitors (if any) to the undersigned SURJIT KUMAR SINGLA, FCA of SINGLA & COMPANY Chartered Accountants, 49 Queen Victoria Street, London EC4N 4SA, the Liquidator of the said company, and if so required by notice in writing from the said Liquidator, are personally or by their solicitors, to come in and prove their debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.
DATED this 22nd day of March 1991
S.K. SINGLA
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

D F DUNHAM LIMITED
TAKE NOTICE THAT I the undersigned Michael William Young of Morton Thornton & Co., Torrington House, 47 Holywell Hill, St Albans, Hertfordshire AL1 1HD was appointed Liquidator of D F Dunham Limited by a Resolution at meeting of the company's shareholders held on 26th March 1991.
Notice is also given that creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the Liquidator, at the above address by Friday 3rd May 1991, which is the last day for proving claims. The Liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors, and any creditor who has not made a claim by the date mentioned will be excluded from the benefit of any such distribution.
The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.
DATED this 26th day of March 1991
M W YOUNG
LIQUIDATOR

F. CLARKE & SONS (HIGH WYCOMBE) LIMITED
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:-
(a) By a Special Resolution of the Shareholders of the above-named Company approved by Resolutions in Writing of the Shareholders the payment out of capital of £119,042 for the purpose of the company acquiring 20,000 'A' Ordinary Shares of 5p each 6,000 'B' Ordinary Shares of £1 each from Mr. M.D. Clarke was authorised.
(b) The amount of the permissible capital payments as defined by Sections 170, 171 and 172 of the Companies Act was £148,000.
(c) The statutory declaration of the directors and the auditors' report required under Section 173 of the said Act are available for inspection at the Registered Office of the Company situated at Cowley Works, Grafton Street, High Wycombe, Bucks.
(d) Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the period of 5 weeks immediately following 22nd March, 1991 (being the date of the above mentioned Special Resolution) apply to the High Court under Section 176 of the said Act for an order prohibiting payment.

IN THE MATTER OF OLSON-TRAVELWORLD U.K. LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a Meeting of the Creditors of Olson Travelworld U.K. Limited will be held at Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ, on Friday, 5th April 1991 at 11.00 o'clock in the forenoon for the purposes provided for in Sections 98, 100 and 101.
A list of the names and addresses of the company's creditors will be available for inspection, free of charge, during business hours on the 3rd and 4th days of April 1991 at the offices of Begbie Norton & Partners, Cromwell House, Fulwood Place, Gray's Inn, London, WC1V 6HZ.
Dated this 23rd day of January 1991.
By Order of the Board
DAVID ELMORE.
Director.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SCOTTISH AMICABLE
LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY

NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the One Hundred and Sixtyfifth Annual General Meeting of the Members will be held in The Albany Hotel, Bothwell Street, Glasgow G2 7EN on Wednesday 24th April 1991 at 5.00 p.m.

By Order of the Directors
J. C. MITCHELL
Secretary
150 St Vincent Street
Glasgow G2 5NQ
13th March 1991.

COMPANY NOTICES

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THE SECURITIES AND FUTURES AUTHORITY

The merger of The Securities Association Limited and The Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers Limited to form The Securities and Futures Authority Limited became effective on 1st April 1991. The address of the merged organisation is:

The Stock Exchange Building
Old Broad Street
London EC2N 1EQ
Tel: 071 256 9000

LEGAL NOTICES

ANSBROST LIMITED
Registered number 280412. (former company name Shelfco (No. 514) Limited): Nature of Business: Property Developers: Trade Classification: 35: Date of appointment of Administrative Receiver: 25th March 1991. The name of the person appointing the administrative receiver: Ansbacher & Co. Limited. Administrative Receiver: John Donnelly (office holder number ICA 1003) of Deloitte & Touche, 43 Mespil Road Dublin 4

FELLERMAN GRAPHICS LIMITED
L MAURICE RAYMOND DORRINGTON FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the above-named Company on 18th March 1991 by the Members and Creditors.
Dated 26 March 1991
M.R. Dorrington F.I.P.A.
Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF DOMINION GROUP SERVICES LIMITED
(In Liquidation)
On 18 March 1991 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. A M Homan and M D Gercke of Price Waterhouse, No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL have been appointed liquidators at the creditors meeting on 18 March 1991.
Creditors of the company have been requested to send details in writing of their claims against the company to the liquidators at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidators. The liquidators reserve their right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Dated 21 March 1991
M D Gercke
Joint Liquidator

ENTERTAINMENTS

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CINEMAS

CURZON PHOENIX Phoenix St, off Charing Cross Rd 071 240 9661 Maynard Eziashi, Pierce Brosnan & Edward Woodward in Bruce Beresford's **MISTER JOHNSON** (12) Progs at 1.55 (not Sun) 4.10, 6.20 & 8.30

CURZON WEST END Shaftesbury Avenue W1 071 439 4805 Richard Harris John Hurt Tom Berenger in **THE FIELD** (12) Progs at 1.30 (not Sun) 3.50 6.10 8.30

CURZON MAYFAIR Curzon St 071 465 8865 Paul Newman Joanne Woodward in Merchant Ivory's **MR AND MRS BRIDGE** (PG) Progs at 1.00 (not Sun) 3.30 6.00 8.40

FINANCIAL NOTICES

ROBECO GROUP

ROBECO N.V.
(Investment company with a variable capital)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on Thursday 18th April 1991, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruiskade 30, Rotterdam, at 9.30 a.m.

AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1990
3 To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1990
4 To determine the appropriation of the profit
5 To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors:
● Messrs. J.M. Goudswaard and H.J. Witteveen will resign having reached retirement age
● It will be proposed to appoint Mr C. van Rijn a Supervisory Director
6 Any other business

Copies of the full agenda and of the Annual Report for 1990 can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC, Global Securities Services, Stock Office Services, 5th Floor, 21 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AR.

Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting, should lodge their Share Warrants by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted for voting purposes) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Global Securities Services, Stock Office Services, 5th Floor, 21 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AR (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) in exchange for a receipt, not later than Thursday, 11th April, 1991

Beneficial owners whose Share Warrants are presently deposited with a Bank must obtain a Certificate of Deposit signed by the Bank as evidence that such Bank is holding the Share Warrants. The Certificate of Deposit must be lodged against receipt, by that Bank, with the National Westminster Bank PLC, in accordance with the requirements stated above.

The receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit will constitute evidence of a shareholder's entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting and should be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall. If a holder desires to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote in his stead, a form of proxy may be obtained from the National Westminster Bank PLC as above and this form of proxy must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit.

Beneficial owners of Sub-share Certificates registered in the name of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting must obtain a receipt or Certificate of Deposit in the same way as holders of Share Warrants to Bearer. If they desire to attend the Meeting in person or to be represented they must obtain a form of proxy signed by National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited, which form must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt exchanged for the Sub-share Certificates or Certificate of Deposit.

Beneficial owners of Sub-shares registered in any name other than that of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited, holders of Registered Full Shares and Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company wishing to attend and vote at the Meeting or to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary, Robeco N.V., Heer Bokelweg 133, 3032 AD Rotterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than Thursday, 11th April, 1991

Service contracts are not entered into with the Directors, who hold office in accordance with the Articles of Association.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT
Dated this 2nd day of April, 1991
P.O. Box 973
Rotterdam

ROLINCO N.V.
(Investment company with a variable capital)
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on Thursday 18th April 1991 at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruiskade 30, Rotterdam, at 11.45 a.m.

AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1990
3 To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1990
4 To determine the appropriation of the profit
5 To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors.
● Messrs. J.M. Goudswaard and H.J. Witteveen will resign having reached retirement age
● It will be proposed to appoint Mr C. van Rijn a Supervisory Director
6 Any other business

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Holders of Share Warrants to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting, should lodge their Share Warrants by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted for voting purposes) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Global Securities Services, Stock Office Services, 5th Floor, 21 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AR (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) in exchange for a receipt, not later than Thursday, 11th April, 1991.

Beneficial owners whose Share Warrants are presently deposited with a Bank must obtain a Certificate of Deposit signed by the Bank as evidence that such Bank is holding the Share Warrants. The Certificate of Deposit must be lodged against receipt, by that Bank, with the National Westminster Bank PLC, in accordance with the requirements stated above.

The receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit will constitute evidence of a shareholder's entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting and should be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall. If a holder desires to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote in his stead, a form of proxy may be obtained from the National Westminster Bank PLC as above and this form of proxy must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt for the Share Warrants or Certificate of Deposit.

Beneficial owners of Sub-share Certificates registered in the name of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited desirous of attending or being represented at the Meeting must obtain a receipt or Certificate of Deposit in the same way as holders of Share Warrants to Bearer. If they desire to attend the Meeting in person or to be represented they must obtain a form of proxy signed by National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited, which form must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt exchanged for the Sub-share Certificates or Certificate of Deposit.

Beneficial owners of Sub-shares registered in any name other than that of National Provincial Bank (Nominees) Limited, holders of Registered Full Shares and Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company wishing to attend and vote at the Meeting or to appoint a proxy to attend and vote in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary, Rolinco N.V., Heer Bokelweg 133, 3032 AD Rotterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than Thursday, 11th April, 1991.

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BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT
Dated this 2nd day of April, 1991
P.O. Box 973
Rotterdam

RORENTO N.V.
(Investment company with a variable capital)
INFORMATIVE MEETING FOR SHAREHOLDERS

to be held on Thursday, 18th April, 1991, at Concert and Congress building "de Doelen", entrance Kruiskade 30, Rotterdam, at 14.30 p.m.

AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To discuss the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1990
3 To discuss the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1990
4 To discuss the appropriation of the profit
5 To discuss the composition of the Board of Supervisory Directors.
● Messrs J.M. Goudswaard and H.J. Witteveen will resign having reached retirement age
● It will be proposed to the General Meeting of Shareholders to appoint Mr. C. van Rijn a Supervisory Director
6 Any other business

RORENTO N.V.
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

To be held on Monday, 29th April 1991, at Curaçao Business Centre, Pietermaai 20, Willemstad, Curaçao (Netherlands Antilles), at 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA
1 Opening
2 To receive and adopt the Report of the Board of Directors for the financial year 1990
3 To receive and adopt the Annual Accounts for the financial year 1990
4 To determine the appropriation of the profit
5 To compose the Board of Supervisory Directors.
● Messrs J.M. Goudswaard and H.J. Witteveen will resign having reached retirement age
● It will be proposed to appoint Mr C. van Rijn a Supervisory Director
6 Any other business

Holders of Share Certificates to Bearer desirous of attending or being represented at the above stated Meetings, should lodge their Share Certificates by hand (postal deliveries will not be accepted) with the National Westminster Bank PLC, Global Securities Services, Stock Office Services, 5th Floor, 21 Lombard Street, London EC3P 3AR (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.) as follows: INFORMATIVE MEETING - NOT LATER THAN THURSDAY 11th APRIL 1991 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, 22nd APRIL, 1991, IN EXCHANGE FOR A RECEIPT.

Beneficial owners whose Share Certificates are presently deposited with a Bank must obtain a Certificate of Deposit signed by the Bank as evidence that such Bank is holding the Share Certificates. This Certificate must be lodged against receipt, by that Bank, with the National Westminster Bank PLC, in accordance with the requirements stated above.

The receipt for the Share Certificates or Certificate of Deposit will constitute evidence of a shareholder's entitlement to attend and vote at the Meeting and should be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall. If a holder desires to appoint a proxy, who need not be a member of the Company, to attend and vote in his stead, a form of proxy may be obtained from the National Westminster Bank PLC as above and this form of proxy must be presented at the door of the Meeting Hall together with the receipt for the Share Certificates or Certificate of Deposit.

Shareholders who maintain a Shareholder's Account with the Company, wishing to attend either or both Meetings or to appoint a proxy in their stead, must signify their intention in writing to the Secretary, Rorento N.V., c/o Amvesto B.V., Heer Bokelweg 133, 3032 AD Rotterdam, Netherlands to arrive not later than the dates indicated above.

Although proxies may attend, votes will not be cast at the Informative Meeting.

Copies of the full agendas and of the Annual Report for 1990 can be obtained from National Westminster Bank PLC at the address shown above.

Service contracts are not entered into with the Directors, who hold office in accordance with the Articles of Association.

BY ORDER OF THE MANAGEMENT
ST. MAARTEN
Dated this 2nd day of April, 1991

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ON THIS DAY

APRIL 2 1953

The style of this fourth leader is unmistakeably that of Bernard Darwin, wearing his non-golfing hat — that of literary connoisseur — which he wore with distinction, for he was invited to write an introduction to a new edition of the Oxford Book of Quotations. *He never forgot his childhood favourites, quoting* Treasure Island *and* Tom Brown's Schooldays *— let alone Dickens — to the end.*

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LEST WE FORGET HENTY

"G. A. who?" may ask some youthful and ignorant creature on hearing that a memorial plaque has been placed on the house in Battersea where dwelt Mr G. A. Henty. It is truly dreadful to contemplate such profanity and yet it is all too possible; devouring Time has by now made a meal on nearly all those beautiful red and green books covered with gold flourishes, once our pride and joy.

Elder persons, however, may shed a tear for that friend of their boyhood and deem the memorial well deserved. It is true tha he used to infuriate them once a year by beginning the preface to his latest book "My dear lads." "Boys" would have been endurable, but there was something subtly insulting about "Lads." At worst, however, the irritation was momentary and was soon forgotten when the two young heroes — there seem generally to have been two of them — began the long series of "hairbreadth 'scapes" which it was comforting to know would always end happily.

A voice from the dais would proclaim, "Those who have finished may read," whereupon every boy simultaneously slapped down a Henty on the table. *St George for England. The Dragon and the Raven. The Young Carthaginian, In Times of Peril* — how stirring and splendid a sound has that list of names which could be almost infinitely prolonged. It is painful to remember that there were a few, very few, blasphemers who upheld the merits of Manville Fenn against those of the popular idol, but they were crushed not by intellectual argument but by weight of numbers.

This was no mere blind worship of the story-teller. Those now elderly readers may reflect that some of the trifling odds and ends of history that they still remember were derived from Mr Henty. Even as the "stickit" lawyer, having forgotten all else, can yet recall some of the facetious Mr Shirley's leading cases, burnt into their memories by his pleasing jokes, so it is with Henty and history.

Most people it is safe to say, have but little knowledge of Gustavus Adolphus, and what they cling to they owe to *The Lion of the North.* Were not two of his chief adversaries called Wallenstein and Papenheim? It sounds right and if it is, nobody but Henty could have made it stick in the head for all those years. Even if it be wrong it is an eminently romantic error. And the same may be said of much other knowledge derived from that blessed source, knowledge which is essentially general rather than particular.

Yet there is one warning that should be given. By all means let his old readers worship at Henty's shrine and even make a pilgrimage to Lavender Gardens; but there is one thing they must never do: they must on no account be tempted to reopen one of those beloved volumes. That way lie disillusion and disfavour warming into boredom. They must remember that they are no longer the "lads" for whom he toiled so kindly to produce an annual Christmas present. They must sadly reconcile themselves to the fact that they are no longer worthy.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Iain Lane, Assistant Curate, St Mary's, Rotherhithe (Southwark): to be Vicar, St John the Evangelist, Bierley (Bradford).

The Rev Geroge T Mead: to be part-time Chaplain's Assistant at the Norfolk and Norwich, West Norwich and Colman Hospitals (Norwich).

The Rev Stuart Millington, Rector, Wingerworth: to be *also* Rural Dean of Chesterfield (Derby).

The Rev Kevin D Moule, Assistant Curate, St Michael and All Angels, Ladbroke Grove w Christ Church, Notting Hill: to be Priest-in-charge, St Francis of Assisi, Great West Road, Isleworth (London).

The Rev David E Newsome, Domestic Chaplain to the Bishop of Birmingham: to be Vicar, All Saints, Gravelly Hill (Birmingham).

The Rev David Peel, Minister with special responsibility for Killingworth township and Warden of Communicare: to be Project Leader, Cedarwood Avenue Centre Trust, Meadow Well, North Shields (Newcastle).

The Rev J Martin Perris, Vicar, Redland: to be *also* Rural Dean of Horfield, and Surrogate (Bristol).

The Rev Michael J Phillips, St Albans's, Tokyo, Japan: to be Rector of the Isles of Scilly (Truro).

The Rev Nigel Pocock, Rector, Camborne: to be *also* Rural Dean of North Carnmarth (Truro).

The Rev Alan Postlethwaite, Team Rector, Kidderminster St Mary and All Saints, and Priest-in-charge, Upper Arley: to be *also* Rural Dean of Kidderminster (Worcester).

The Rev John Ridout, Rector, Bredon w Bredon's Norton: to be *also* Rural Dean of Pershore (Worcester).

The Rev David Salt, Vicar, Redditch, St Stephen: to be *also* rural Dean of Bromsgrove (Worcester).

The Rev Barry Saunders, Vicar, Treverbyn: to be *also* Rural dean of St Austell (Truro).

The Rev Christopher M Scott, Rector, Esher, Christ Church: to be *also* Rural Dean of Emly (Guildford).

The Rev David V Scott, Vicar, Torpenhow (Carlisle): to be Rector, St Lawrence and St Maurice w St Swithun-upon-Kingsgate, Winchester (Winchester).

The Rev Maurice C Stanton-Saringer, Chaplain of Stowe School, Buckingham: to be Rector, Sherington w Chicheley, North Crawley, Astwood and Hardmead (Oxford).

The Rev Chris Stott, Rector, Harwell and Chilton: to be *also* Rural Dean of Wallingford (Oxford).

The Rev Timothy Stratford, Assistant Curate, St Helen, St Helens: to be Personal Chaplain to the Bishop of Liverpool (Liverpool).

The Rev Douglas W Turton, Vicar, St Paul, Thornton Heath (Southwark): to be Rector, Eastling with Ospringe and Stalisfield with Otterden (Canterbury).

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The Rev Nick De Keyser, Vicar, St Mark, Heyside (Manchestr): to resign as from 15 April.

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The Rev Ron Foster, Rector, Wantage Downs (Oxford): to retire as from 25 July.

The Rev Alan C Gould, Priest-in-charge, All Saints, Berrington: St Margaret, Betton Strange; St Peter, Cound (Hereford): to retire as from 30 April.

The Rev Peter Lyne, Vicar, Holbrook and Little Eaton (Derby): retired as from 31 March.

The Rev John W Naylor, Vicar, Chollerton w Birtley and Thockrington (Newcastle): retired as from 31 March.

The Rev John New, Vicar, Micheldever and East Stratton and Woodmancote with Popham (Winchester): to retire as from 31 May.

The Rev Guy Saunders, Vicar, Bolney (Chichester): retired as from 31 March.

The Rev Donald Turner, Vicar, St Peter and St Paul, St Leonards on Sea (Chichester): to retire as from 30 April.

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The Rev Malcolm R Ainscough, Assistant Curate of Chepstow: to be Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Cwmbran.

The Rev Martin L Cox, Assistant Curate of Risca: to be Vicar in the Rectorial Benefice of Pontypool.

The Rev Iain S Doull, Assistant Curate of Malpas, Newport: to be priest-in-charge of All Saints, Newport.

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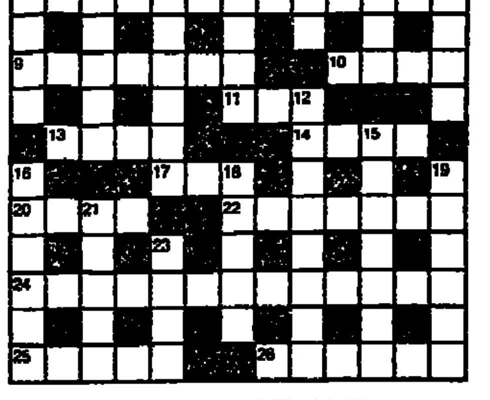

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Smart start to a fresh chapter in short stories

Average and under: (from left), actresses Anouska Hempel, Felicity Kendal and Elaine Paige, designer Edina Ronay and Madonna, the pop star

The average woman is no beanpole and now, Liz Smith reports, some designers are beginning to tailor to her needs

The average British woman has grown two inches this century. But at 5ft 4in, she is still no lanky, willowy model. Mrs Average, like her Queen, is short. Tailored jackets with power shoulders swamp her. Sleeves have to be unstylishly pushed back, *Miami Vice* style, or turned up with the lining visible. Skirts bunch as the waistband is rolled over and over in an attempt to judge the proportions of an outfit that will inevitably have to be altered.

For those unskilled in do-it-yourself alterations, a minimum charge of £10 (in London's West End stores; £8 minimum elsewhere) must be added to every price tag. And without the leggy frame on which to distribute it, any tendency to plumpness is difficult to disguise.

But the rich — and the royal — are different from you and me. The Queen, although just 5ft 4in tall, enjoys the comfort of having her clothes made to fit from royal nape to base of spine to within the last, and crucial, one-eighth of an inch.

Otherwise she might have been tempted to join the 8,500 British women who recently followed up an advertisement for clothes that have been carefully proportioned for women of 5ft 4in and under, regardless of whether their dress size is 10 or 20.

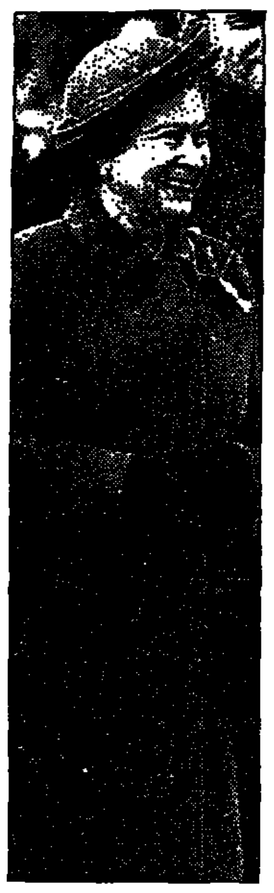
"You know that a skirt taken up two inches will never feel as good as one designed two inches shorter," was just one of the common sense facts about fit with which Eastex, a manufacturer of clothes "for the shorter woman", grabbed its new customers.

Established in 1952, Eastex built a reputation for making serviceable but matronly clothes. The average age of its loyal, and obviously desperate, customers was 68.

Since it was acquired by the Alexon group in 1988, however, Eastex has undergone a facelift. Judicious nips and tucks were made to the styling, but nothing so drastic that it would not be recognisable to old friends. A new logo signalled a new identity.

When the wraps came off the spring collection, the actress Shirley Anne Field, 5ft 4in and dressed in natty new Eastex separates, was sent on a tour of 11 of Eastex's 220 retail outlets to host "trunk shows", the fashion trade's term for in-store promotions. Sales have already gone up by 20 per cent, indicating that the original target market — the 50-plus age group — can be expanded to include more youthful customers (statistics suggest that by the end of the decade there will be 24 per cent more women over the age of 45 than under 30). They can afford to buy new clothes and are fashion-conscious up to a point, some of them plump and all of them short.

Eastex can be forgiven for feeling smug about the growing market for what the Americans call "petite" sizes.



The royal mean: at 5ft 4in, the Queen is of average height

Nobody looks chic in ill-fitting clothes. The woman with the opposite problem — of being taller than average — can justifiably complain about never finding trousers or coats that are long enough. But unlike her shorter sister, she is definitely in a minority.

Shopping for clothes that fit must be a chore for the long-limbed, but she can take comfort from the fact that she probably looks willowy enough to carry off a normally proportioned outfit with more style than most. The short or short-waisted, on the other hand, look swamped and sad in a jacket with sleeves that are over-long.

Lesley Exley, the marketing director of the Alexon group, has been able to take more than a professional interest in the Eastex relaunch. At 5ft 2in, she understands how demoralising it can be to feel cut down in size when shopping for clothes. "I can wear Alexon clothes with the sleeves shortened," she says. "But I wear Eastex unadulterated.

"The strategic measurement is neck to base of spine and its relationship to the distance from shoulder seam to shoulder seam. A jacket must be moulded to give a slimline look, without fitting snugly. A double-breasted jacket must be given narrower proportions for shorter fittings. There must not be a lot of excess fabric, but it must never be a straitjacket."

With Eastex there is no risk that mutton will ever be dressed as lamb. The clothes acknowledge trends towards softer tailoring, Chanel-inspired detailing, smart crests on navy jackets and sweaters, crisper colours and prints. But they are still basic. The skirts are long enough to keep the most conservative shopper happy and would have to be shortened for anyone who prefers a more fashionable length. "We always take a cautious approach to prevailing fashion," Ms Exley says. "We try to interpret the look in nice fabrics, adding good buttons or embroidery."

The neat jacket photographed here in a red viscose and polyester gaberdine, comes with pearl buttons, in sizes 10 to 20, and costs £79.95. Trousers are always constructed to lie flat on the stomach but are made flexible at the back with elastic. Red and white spotted mid-calf-length culottes (right, £49.95) fall gracefully to below the knee in a soft viscose cloth. A fashionable sarong in a splashy tropical print for summer (£34.95) is, in fact, a skirt with a cleverly cut "cheat" sarong wrap.

Next season there will be frogged, printed velvet jackets and more tweed cardigan suits, some with lace on the jacket, in a loose interpretation of an Yves Saint Laurent style of a season ago.

● *Eastex clothes are available nationwide. Fashion shows will take place at Dickins & Jones, Regent Street, London W1, on April 11 at midday and 2pm, 4pm and 6pm.*

DENZIL McNEELAN

Making up for a lack of inches: when designing a jacket for a short woman, the measurement from the
to the base of the spine, and its relationship to the distance from shoulder seam to shoulder seam, is

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Who wants yesterday's paper?

The patterns of the past are reappearing on today's walls

Old and new: (from left) two William Morris designs and a 1922 pattern, from Sand

WHERE TO FIND THE BEST OF THE PAST

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When owners of historic houses — whether grand or relatively humble — come to redecorate, an increasing number of them try to track down the fabric and wallpaper designs that would have been used at the time their homes were built. Recognising a possibly fruitful trend, manufacturers are delving into their archives, or faithfully copying or adapting from textiles collections in museums.

Typical of the "new" designs are Colefax & Fowler's revived designs of 18th century French flower and damask papers from the Musée des Arts Decoratifs, and Zoffany's French floral classics of the 18th century and designs based on those of the Spitalfield silk factories of Hogarth's London.

Susanna Baer and Caroline Ingram, sisters who were brought up in a historic house with such papers on the walls, have collected pattern books of traditional and historical wallpapers from manufacturers in England, the United States, France and Sweden. Their shop offers a wide selection of wallpapers, and they will also try to trace the original block and prints in any colour. Failing this, they will reproduce the paper from scratch.

"Our clients tell us the date of their home and are keen to find papers of the same sort of period," Ms Baer says. "That is because these papers will look right, given the scale of their rooms, the architectural details and furniture, and because there is a genuine interest in restoration rather than redecoration. Some clients ask us to reproduce papers that were hung 50 or more years ago, often as reproductions of 18th or 19th century designs.

"At the moment we are finding wallpapers for an 18th century flat in Bath, a *manoir* in Brittany, a Grade I house being restored in Hereford, and a silk weaver's house in Spitalfields, London."

Many of the older textile companies have long drawn on their own archives for inspiration. Sanderson's archive, for example, contains thousands of printed textiles, hundreds of original designs and a sample of every fabric printed, woven or commissioned by the company since the Twenties. About 10,000 wallpaper documents include those by well-known 19th and 20th century designers such as Pugin, Crane, Voysey, Owen Jones and William Morris.

Recently, Sanderson introduced Portfolio 11, a co-ordinated collection of classic fabric, wallpaper and border designs.

Robert Weston, an American architectural historian, started the Hamilton Weston wallpapers company ten years ago. The company specialises in the reproduction of 18th and 19th century designs. "Richmond Trellis", one of the papers in the "Old Paradise" range, is adapted from an original fragment lined with a copy of *The Times* dated May 16, 1840, found in a house on Richmond Green, Surrey. "Papers of London", machine-printed wallpapers and borders dating from 1755-1840, have been reproduced from wallpaper fragments found in London townhouses.

Jean Monro, of the Mrs Monro shop, in London, specialises in chintzes. Deirdre Beard, a co-director, says: "Many are taken from old designs, for example the original reference for 'Lochryan', a narcissus and heather print, was found in an attic in Scotland. Three of our hand-blocked chintzes — Rose & Fern, Lily & Auricula and Westminster — were taken from old blocks found at our printers."

Manuel Canovas's d are taken from 18th c documents, and his bol ours emulate the origin: rics. Sometimes the d are enlarged or reduced a modern room.

Guy Evans says th: document silks follo original designs in g detail than some other val fabrics. His work great demand by resto specialists and his co was responsible for reproduction 18th c bedroom and drawing silks at Warwick Cas think we are the only co seriously reviving h woollen fabrics — wool asks, Moreen [a waterc sted cloth] and Tamı plain-weave glazed clot in the 18th century for other fabrics]," he says.

NICOLE SWEN

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1922 pattern, from Sa

HE PAST

Vikings invade the bathroom

Nicole Swengley meets a designer who has pulled the plug on boring baths and turgid taps

Philippa Brook believes that "modern baths are like fibreglass coffins", and, as part of her mission make non-boring bathroomare, she designs and makes brass ıths shaped like Viking ships, ıd crinkly glass basins fed by ass waterchutes.

Shaped like a sauceboat, the iking bath, which costs £5,000, s an integrated cast-bronze ower and taps. It plumbs in like conventional bath, yet acts as a ll: bathers of any size or shape e immersed to the chin.

The conductivity of the brass eets, which are joined by copper ping rivets, keeps water hot for ırs, while the bath's shape fits traditionally small British throom despite its plunge-pool pacity.

"I am trying to bring serenity ck into bathrooms," Ms Brook ys. "We should enjoy the texture water and appreciate its preıus qualities, not dismiss it as nething to wash with.

"There's nothing very textural out an acrylic bath, but our dies respond to the texture of tural materials such as brass d copper.

"Look at the Japanese: they the in wooden soaking tubs. My next bath will probably be made of wood."

Perhaps it is Ms Brook's name or her earlier experiences which led her to embark on a crusade to brighten British bathrooms. She was born in a mud hut in Kano, Nigeria, and later lived a hippie existence beside the Red Sea, where she stole water from irrigation pipes. "That's my first memory of the precious nature of water," she says.

In the Taos mountains of Mexico, she recalls sitting on an unenclosed box-like loo 200 yards from a house, with coyotes howling nearby. In Algeria, she was aghast to find that all she would have for drinking, cleansing and washing was a bottle of water a day.

She trained as a furniture designer at Middlesex polytechnic and Glasgow School of Art, and learnt metal-working in order to make her unusual pieces. She has also learnt how to kiln-form glass, in which the heated glass is shaped to a mould inside a kiln, for her "slumped" glass washbasins.

Two sand-blasted and two clear "slumped" glass basins have been commissioned by CZWG, the firm of architects, for its London office, and she is now tackling a beaten copper basin for a private client.

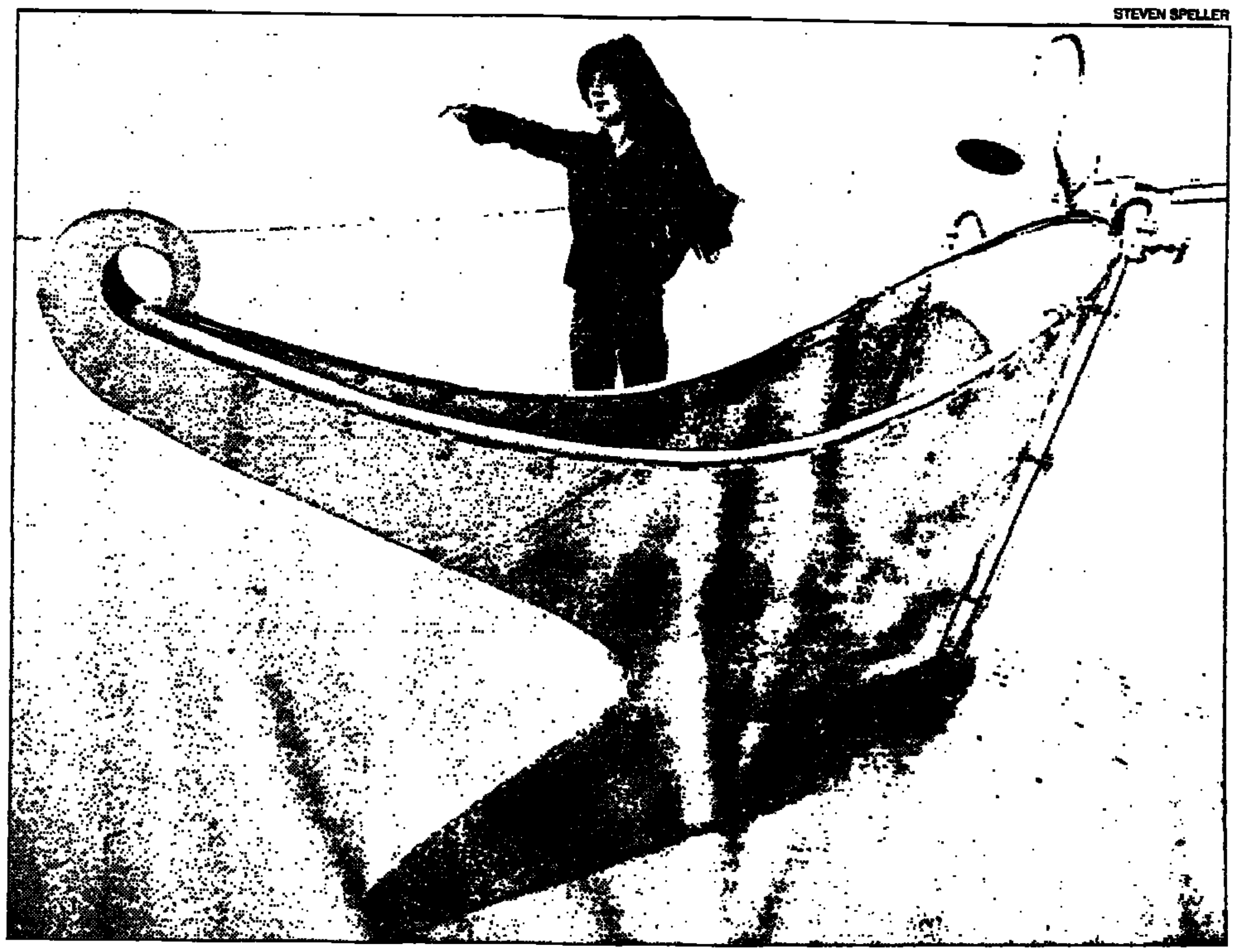
"Bathroomware should have a sense of fun."

Bathroom accessories by Ms Brook — part of her selling show of her latest work which opens tomorrow at Max Pike's Bathroom Shop, in Eccleston Street, London SW1 — include exuberant bronze and glass vases on copper piping legs, candle-holders combining glass with bronze or brass, and rosewood and steel perfume casks to hold aromatic essential oils.

Next on the Brook bathroom agenda is a shower. "I want to achieve the effect of standing in a monsoon and being totally drenched. It can't be just another faucet. It must offer a sense of atmosphere."

An out-of-body experience? "An absolution."

STEVEN SPELLER



A designer's high water mark: Philippa Brook and her Viking "sauceboat", which immerses bathers of all sizes up to the chin

A vision of the future

ırchitects can now leave the drawing oard — and "be" inside their designs

E problem for architects ɔ cannot realise their viıs in glass and steel, stone l brick, is that the alterıves are unrealistic and far small. Even the best dels, such as the extraorarily detailed one of St ıl's Cathedral by Wren, rently on show at the Royal ıdemy, are too small to er. Or so it was until the vent of "virtual reality".

Virtual reality is a computer ware package, developed n the technology used by ional Aeronautics and e Administration for t simulation, which gives perator the experience of piting an environment he created. In its most aded, experimental form, operator wears a helmet "data glove" which allow to enter the virtual world. ad of observing it on a puter terminal, it surds him. He can move his inside the helmet and see rent parts of a room, he each out his hand inside love and open a door.

e most obvious popular cation for this technology computer games. But are much wider applica-, says Mark Leslie, of Fox Albin, the archi-. He and his colleagues n exclusively on comscreens. So far they have quired the helmets and s, but, using Apple Macn personal computers are already able to "walk through" buildings they have designed, and even view them from the shifting perspective of a passing hang-glider. The technology is neither expensive nor intimidating. "You only need the ability to think in three dimensions," Mr Leslie says.

In fact, the image presented is not so different from Lego.

Mind your head on the chandelier
GED

The colours are still too pure, the edges still too hard, but according to Andrew Herron, of Imagination, the design company, this too is changing. The makers of "Virtus", the software he is experimenting with, are now working on "visual realism" as well.

Soon, no doubt, all we will have to do to live in the house of our choice is put the floppy disc in the computer and pull on the helmet and glove.

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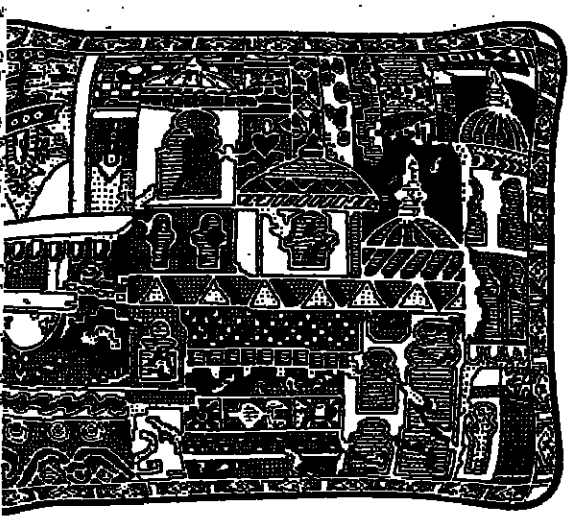

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DANCE

Athletes are in with a sporting dance

Is it sport or is it art? Debra Craine previews a unique collaboration that takes place this week in Leicester

Granby Halls has seen Louis Armstrong, Billy Graham, a camel caravan and a marathon yo-yo competition. But it has never hosted anything like *Opera Sportif*, a unique theatrical event that aims to unite more than 100 performers in a dizzying choreographic marriage of dance and sport, staged before more than 2,000 spectators over two nights in one of Europe's largest indoor sports arenas.

Taking its cue from the fact that the Sports Council has designated 1991 as Year of Sport, *Opera Sportif* features scores of local athletes, including trampolinists, cyclists, fencers, climbers, a team of basketball players and even American footballers in a one-hour spectacle. But sports enthusiasts should be warned: expect no scorecards or referees, winners or losers, for this is not a sporting event. This is the centrepiece of the second Leicester International Dance Festival, a work created by Lea Anderson, one of Britain's brightest choreographic talents. It uses 30 dancers, including the seven-member Cholmondeleys all-female dance group founded by Anderson, and a specially commissioned score by Steve Blake.

The aim, according to festival programmer Nigel Hinds, is "to bring together a wide number of performers that will be of interest to a wider audience and get people in to see dance who haven't been before". The festival's first venture into production, *Opera Sportif* accounts for half the festival's budget of £110,000 and represents an upgrading of the six-week event, which this year is presenting 21 companies from India, France, America, the Soviet Union and Britain. Funding for Anderson's piece includes a £20,000 Digital Dance Award, as well as contributions from East Midlands Arts and the Sports Council, probably the first time that arts and sports funding bodies have collaborated on the same project.

The nature of *Opera Sportif*'s missionary brief — to involve the community and woo new dance audiences — poses a challenge for a choreographer accustomed to working within the professional artistic sphere. The use of so many untrained theatrical amateurs limits the creative process; the cavernous confines of Granby Halls present their own logistic nightmares; the involvement with local authorities means grappling with red tape outside the experience of most choreographers. But Hinds is convinced that *Opera Sportif*, despite its community ethos, should be seen as an artistic endeavour. "You need to reflect the community back on itself, you need to articulate the community and make that voice heard on a wider stage," Hind says. "And you cannot do that without it being art. It just won't work."

> *'The constant challenge of technique is common to athletes and dancers'*
>
> — Lea Anderson, choreographer

For Lea Anderson, the experience is fraught with organisational headaches. She will not know until Friday night's premiere exactly how many people are performing. Entire groups have dropped out; others, such as the pensioners' bowls team, refuse to attend rehearsals.

Anyway, rehearsals at the University of Leicester Sports Hall have been chaotic: the trampolines cannot get in the door, one of the ping-pong tables is threatening to collapse; and just putting the various participants in their groups is an achievement in itself. The final venue poses further production problems, such as the tricky business of lighting a space that measures 30 metres by 61 metres and has no natural focus.

Seemingly undaunted by the scale — and the potential risk — of her enterprise, Anderson is applying her considerable choreographic skills to the task of turning sport into dance. Possessed of a strong rhythmic sense, clever facility with gesture and a keen eye for finding an imaginative movement vocabulary within everyday physical references, she is probably the ideal choreographer for the job.

Some sections of *Opera Sportif* are highly choreographed sequences, exploring one particular avenue of sports movement, such as swimming or tennis, without simply mimicking it. Others, such as basketball, are less structured, less in-depth, to accommodate the varying abilities of the athletes. Working with them posed unexpected problems: their natural aversion to dance and their unfamiliarity with performing to music.

"I have tried to overcome this by using movement which they actually do as part of their sport, and present it as movement for aesthetic purposes," she says. But, surprisingly, "the basketball team could not do any of their movements if there wasn't a basketball net hanging in the room, and the American footballers wouldn't do any movements unless one of them was holding a ball. What it tells me is that their movements are so strongly connected with the point and purpose of their game that they cannot conceive of moving unless they adhere to those rules."

If sport and dance make strange bedfellows, Anderson has tried to focus on the similarities. "I was most interested in what sport and dance have in common, which is the whole idea of performance, and of training and rehearsing with the aim of giving a performance of your own personal best.

"I have chosen to ignore the winning part of sport, which is not as interesting as the individual personal voyage which culminates in performance. The constant challenge of technique is common to both athletes and dancers."

Oddly, Anderson has never been a sports fan. "I have had an aversion to it ever since I was at school where I tried to avoid it. I had an almost obsessive hatred of it. Dance people generally loathe sport; but I'm not making a negative comment on sport. Just because I can't understand it, I am trying to find things that are interesting about it."

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THEATRE

Deny yourself and speak plain for Sophocles

Irish author and Oxford poetry professor Seamus Heaney gives Harry Eyres tips on the classics

Yeats, speaking of the translations of Sophocles' *Oedipus* plays he made for the Abbey Theatre in the Twenties, said: "When Oedipus at Colonus went into the wood of the Furies he felt the same creeping in the flesh that an Irish countryman feels in certain haunted woods in Galway and Sligo."

If you were looking for an Irish blood-brother of Seamus Heaney's Philoctetes, in his version of Sophocles's tragedy, you would be more likely to find him in a pub in Derry's Bogside. That was where the play, *The Cure at Troy*, Heaney's first, was first performed last October. It was commissioned by the pioneering, cross-border Irish company Field Day, which Heaney co-founded with Brian Friel and others.

But what drew the 52-year-old Ulster Catholic and Oxford Professor of Poetry to Philoctetes — the great Greek archer marooned by his comrades on Lemnos because of the stench of his snake-bitten foot — was. Heaney insists, neither Yeats nor Irish politics. "It was the realism of the rotting foot — stink and howl — which first attracted me. After that came possible allegorical and political connections. Edmund Wilson in *The Wound and the Bow* links Philoctetes with the romantic vision of the poet as cursed outsider with a special boon. The character's isolation and hankering for connection tie in with my poems about the cursed Irish bird-king Sweeney."

The first political connection Heaney makes has nothing to do with Ireland. "I started writing the play at the end of 1989 when all the great events were happening in eastern Europe. For once, I felt, the historical record was giving a glimmer of justification to some sort of optimism."

The renaming of the play is significant. In Sophocles, Philoctetes obstinately refuses the requests, first deceitful, then frank, of Neoptolemus to leave his barren island and rejoin the Greek force at Troy, where his bow is needed to ensure Greek victory; it takes the intervention of Heracles as *deus ex machina* to bring him around.

Heaney suggests more of a change from within. "I have Freudianised him a little." As far as optimism is concerned, Heaney, with his characteristic sidling tact, says he is "usually shy about uplift," but detects a move in his work away from the "self-accusing dolour" of *Station Island* (1984) towards a greater sense of wonder and delight.

Despite the change of title, *The Cure at Troy* sticks very closely to Sophocles, following not just the plot and characters but the detailed structure, the changes from longer speeches to quick-fire dialogue of the original. The play is translated into unadorned blank verse and the language is bare almost to the point of banality.

"I don't know Greek, so the connections between words and the hidden language, the archaeology, were lost on me. I applied a self-denying ordinance, attempted to make it plain and speakable. What I had in mind was the first-night audience in a community hall in Derry. I heard the words with the grain and force of a northern Irish voice."

The first words of the version, "Philoctetes. Hercules. Odysseus," apparently a simple roll-call of heroes, certainly gain force when spoken in Heaney's own burred yet ringing tones. "I let myself go in the choruses," he claims.

To readers familiar with the rich, tactile imagery of his early poetry, these Audenesque quatrains may still seem unexpectedly foursquare. It is only in the choruses at the end that any explicit reference is made to the Troubles: "A hunger-striker's father/Stands in the graveyard dumb./The police widow in veils/faints at the funeral home."

But of course, despite Heaney's sly disclaimers, Ireland is always present in the play. The most interesting conflict is between Odysseus and Neoptolemus, the wily pragmatic politician who argues that the end justifies the means and the young man who baulks at the role of deceiver.

"I think everyone in Northern Ireland has both an Odysseus and a Neoptolemus inside them. Odysseus is the solidarity figure, who speaks in the first person plural on behalf of the tribe. But there must also be the first person singular, the Neoptolemus, who says 'yes, but you must also abide by a strict personal morality'."

As for Philoctetes himself, obdurate in his sense of grievance, Heaney says that the writer "must bear witness to the integrity of refusal." He refers to the superb poem "Casualty" from the volume *Field Work* about a Catholic man who broke the curfew imposed by the IRA after Bloody Sunday and was blown up while drinking in a pub.

"How culpable was he/That last night when he broke/Our tribe's complicity?" asks the poem. Heaney provides an answer: "He showed nonchalance and individuality in the face of communal solidarity."

The Cure of Troy ends with a different sort of explosion. Heaney makes use of the reputation of Lemnos as a volcanic island and Heracles's connection with fire to make the appearance of the god a mixture of eruption and illumination.

"I think drama can do two things: it can imitate the action, present a picture of a miserable status quo and say 'there you are, look at yourselves.' Or it can offer an image of the desirable, of felicity."

- The Cure at Troy *is at the Tricycle Theatre, London NW6 (071-328 1000)*

MARK ELLIDGE

Seamus Heaney: "I don't know Greek, so the connections . . . were lost on me"

BRIEFING

Over to Bruce

THE press rele screamed "the mo event of the century" a announced Tri-Sta version of *Les Miseral* last year. Yet direct seem strangely reluc to handle it. The musi plum was first offered Alan Parker, director *Mississippi Burning* *Fame*. Then Oli Stone, already immer in his biography *Doors*, toyed with the nour. Final responsibi for the century's highs has landed with Br Beresford, riding after the success of *ving Miss Daisy*. Just problem: he has ne directed a musical feat before.

Psyched up

SUDDENLY musi about Sigmund Freud all the rage. Hot on heels of *Freudiana*, Brian Brolly extr ganza recently premi in Vienna, comes that Simon Callow direct a show ca *Freuderama* in Los geles next year. The n cal, written by Wilson, apparently p an encounter in he between Freud, Wil Reich and Carl Jung due to open at the Angeles Theatre Ce where Callow has rected before, in Jan

Simon Callow: Fre date in Californi

Shaking

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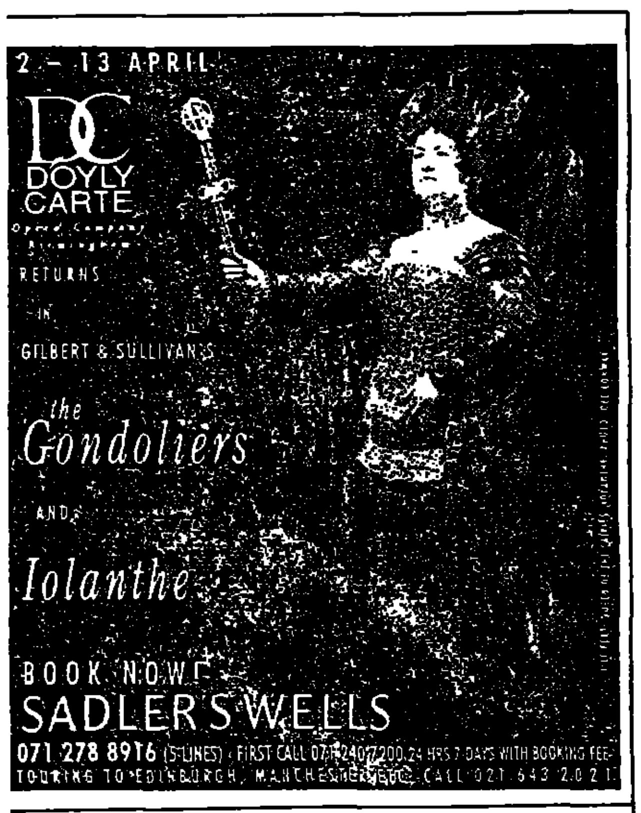

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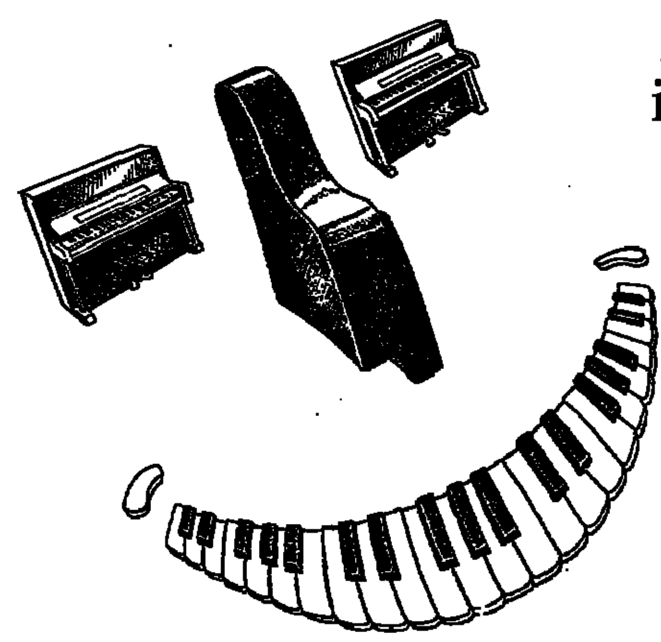

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Grown up, happy and Gloria

Back on tour, just over a year after a near-fatal road accident, singer Gloria Estefan counts her blessings with **David Sinclair**

Two weeks ago, on March 20, Gloria Estefan was in a Japanese hotel room when, at the unsociable hour of 0am, the phone rang. The news m America was that "Coming t of the Dark" had become her rd No 1 hit. It was a sweet and gnant moment, not least because March 20 it was also one year to day since she had been lifted out he wreckage of her tour bus on a nsylvanian highway with a bron back.

The speed of her recovery, from injury that specialists thought ght leave her permanently dised, has been astounding. Two eks after a New York surgeon had erted two eight-inch titanium s which will stay in her spine for rest of her life, she left hospital wheelchair and set about getting o shape. Having undertaken a orous regime of exercise and phytherapy, while siltaneously wrig and recording a y album, *Into the ht*, she was fit to t a world tour on urday March 2, en she performed her home turf at 12,000-seat Mia- Arena. It was, unstandably, an otional occasion all concerned. he biggest feeling s a sense of relief t this moment s over and that w I could try to ve on, and start put the accident ind me," she s. "I know it will be a while yet, t that was a major step to have en."

In London last Friday, in the lent surroundings of the pentse hotel suite in which Michael son stayed on his last British t, she is dressed entirely in black: et, bra, miniscule culottes and a lot else. An expanse of bare riff is revealed whenever she forward. Petite, though any- but frail, her 33-year-old body early honed to taut perfection. was always very careful to tain my lower back, because n I was 13 I fell and hurt my yx. Now I make sure that my abdomen is very strong. I work a lot on strengthening that. I'll always have the damage to the left side of my body which, if you measure it with instruments, is now a lot less strong than my right side. But I really don't find any limitations to anything that I've wanted to do on stage. It's only when I'm extremely tired that my left leg becomes harder to lift than the other.

"I can't feel the rods in my back unless I'm sitting against something hard, then I feel the screws at the top. I'm still building up the muscles in my back to try and cushion that. I don't do any sudden twisting motions. When it's really humid or cold I feel it where they took the bone graft from my hip, but I really don't feel anything in my back.

"I've always been hard-headed, stubborn in the things that I want to accomplish. But this was an easy thing to have discipline and will about. It's not as if you're dieting; you're talking about being able to walk again. My father was very ill and he spent years in a wheelchair, so I knew how quickly muscles can atrophy." Born Gloria Fajardo in pre-revolutionary Cuba, where her father worked as a motorcycle policeman, Estefan was two years old when Castro came to power in 1959, and the family fled to Miami. Her father enlisted in the American army, fought at the Bay of Pigs and later volunteered for Vietnam. For Estefan, the refugee who now lives in a magnificent mansion on the exclusive Star Island, the American Dream is a fact. "The one thing that America stands for, for me, is freedom. Native Americans sometimes take their country for granted because they really don't know what's going on outside."

She has been called 'the Latin Madonna', a description which prompts a hoot of laughter

For much of her adolescence she nursed her invalid father, while her mother was out at work. She went to college and gained a degree majoring in psychology. The turning point in her life came in 1974 when, as a guest at a local wedding, she was invited to perform a couple of songs with a band of Cuban expatriates led by percussionist Emilio Estefan. She ended up joining the band, which later became known as Miami Sound Machine, and four years later she married Emilio. For a long time she was known only as the vocalist in Miami Sound Machine, which enjoyed its first international hit with "Dr Beat" in 1984.

Gloria Estefan: "I've always been very hard-headed, stubborn in the things that I want to accomplish"

But gradually, as the band's winning mixture of catchy pop and swirling salsa rhythms gathered in popularity, Emilio persuaded her to take a more central role and receive correspondingly more prominent billing.

"I never had a driving ambition to be anything," she protests with a chuckle. "I liked to sing, that was my whole motivation. I always wrote poetry and I loved to write parodies of other people's songs, but it was Emilio who talked me into writing my own songs.

"It was never in my mind that I wanted to be a star." Such is her present celebrity that she has been called "the Latin Madonna", a description which prompts a hoot of laughter.

"There's a certain sensuality that you feel on stage because you're getting this massive love coming at you from all these people. Your fans ultimately fall in love with you a little bit, and that's good.

"But Madonna's really out on the edge of all that. Everything that she does is very controversial. I don't like controversy. I'm very laid back. I'm very calm. I could never pull that off, myself."

She was brought up a Catholic and still regards herself as religious "in a spiritual way". She finds herself affected by the bad news that dominates the newspapers. Today they are full of Eric Clapton in mourning at his four-year-old son's funeral. "I don't know Eric Clapton, but I have certainly prayed for him ever since it happened."

George Bush, whom she met the day before her accident, gets her vote not only because he was "very warm and personable" and showed her and her ten-year-old son Nayib round the White House, but because "he is doing a good job".

Although her life is now one of luxury and privilege, her manner remains direct and streetwise. She insists that her wealth has not cut her off from the multi-ethnic Miami culture, citing her long-term involvement with many charity and community organisations.

"People are affectionate and proud, but I don't get mobbed. Obviously, I don't go into a mall that's packed with people because then it's difficult for me to do anything. But I go to the movies, I go to restaurants, I walk down the Art-Deco section of Miami Beach — that's one of my favourite things to do. I can still have a very good time in my own city."

Gloria Estefan appears on Wogan *(BBC 1) tomorrow. She plays Wembley Arena on April 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and June 4, 5. NEC, Birmingham on April 16, 17, 19, 20 and May 30. SECC, Glasgow on April 23, 24.*

CINEMA

Bursting with low-budget life

David Robinson reports on a festival of the work of Celtic film-makers

English was the minority language at the Eden Court Theatre, Inverness. The lobbies were a non-stop hubbub of television crews recording interviews in Welsh, Gaelic and Breton. A visit to the annual Celtic Film and Television Festival — a peripatetic event now in its 12th year — dispels fears that speakers of these languages are an endangered species.

The festival forcefully demonstrated that television has been the single most important force in preserving, and even expanding, Europe's minority languages. Practically everything was commissioned for television. The secretary of state for Scotland has just announced the provision of £9.5 million to increase the number of hours of Gaelic programming to some 300 per year from 1992. The figure is somewhat less impressive when calculated at less than an hour a day, but the will, at least is there.

In fact, only 31 out of more than 200 films shown at the festival were in languages other than English, and these were mostly Welsh and Breton. Regardless of language, the Celtic festival brings home the major contribution of the non-English countries to the film culture of the British Isles. Scottish feature directors include Bill Forsyth, Bill Douglas, David Hayman, Mike Alexander, Ian Sellar, Gillies MacKinnon and Timothy Neat, following in the footsteps of Alexander Mackendrick and Lindsay Anderson. Ireland has Neil Jordan, Jim Sheridan, Thaddeus O'Sullivan, Pat O'Connor. Wales' major talent is Karl Francis, who won the prize for best drama at the festival for *Morphine and Dolly Mixtures*, recently broadcast.

If such a thing were possible, financing feature production is even harder in the Celtic countries than in England. Many more outstanding talents are to be found in television: the Glasgow-made series *Tutti Frutti* and *Your Cheatin' Heart*, for instance, marked out their director and writer, Michael Whyte and John Byrne, as potential feature material.

There is great documentary talent, too. The winner of the Inverness Factual Award, Les Wilson's *Scotching the Myth* is a spirited political piece that aggressively takes issue with Margaret Thatcher's declaration, "We English, who are a marvellous people, are really very generous people." *Prophet Songs: Ireland's Rebel Priests*, made for Channel 4, is part of a series in which the gifted Dubliner Alan Gilsenan brings a distinctive, poetic voice to his forceful criticism of ossified establishments.

Of all the films on show in Inverness, however, none was more thrilling for its achievement in surmounting poverty of means through sheer creative talent than the Glasgow-made *Betty's Brood*. A credit title sums up how tight things were: "Transport by Tesco Trolley". The young crew were regularly stopped by police as they moved electronic equipment around in their borrowed trolley.

The production began almost by accident when the Gorbals Unemployed Worker Centre Drama Group advertised in the local papers for people with knowledge of video techniques. Mick McConnell and Gordon Gronbach, trainee technicians who had done some work in community video, volunteered — only to find themselves appointed director and cameraman respectively.

The script that the writer Tam McEnroe evolved with the group was rooted in their daily fears and preoccupations: unemployment, bad housing, HIV, drugs, alcohol, child abuse. The story concentrates on one Gorbals family and its coming to terms with acute drug abuse in one of its members.

The result is startling — a 70-minute drama with energy and maturity that would do credit to any big-budget production. It looks good, is well-acted, and skilfully mixes tragedy, sentiment, comedy and the grotesque. All this was achieved on a budget of around £2,000. Talents such as McConnell and Gronbach promise the continuity of Scottish cinema.

Mature, energetic drama: a scene from *Betty's Brood*

RECORDS: CLASSICAL

Enlightened approach to Schubert

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PUTTING the *Haus* back into *Hausmusik* is the aim of that seductive, eponymously named group of period instrument players who have presented a revelatory new recording of Schubert's great Octet. They were founded in order to perform music of the early Romantic and Biedermeier period in the spirit in which it was written. This they do in a performance alive with the exchanged glances, shared witticisms and passing reflections of the intimate gatherings of family and friends in which this music was born.

The names of players such as Chi-chi Nwanoku, Anthony Halstead and Jeremy Ward will be familiar to devotees of the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, and they will know what to expect. Here is a quicksilver opening Allegro, scherzo-like in its teasing, vibrato-free strings.

The Adagio becomes, less predictably, a Mozartian Andante of an extended aria for Anthony Pay's lithe clarinet. The merest whisper of string accompaniment aids the ear's perception of this movement's peculiar beauty.

A **Schubertiade** of a different nature is on offer from the tenth volume of Hyperion's complete song edition. Tenor Martyn Hill has been landed with the year 1815 and with the longest song Schubert ever wrote. *Adewold und Emma* took him nine days to complete and takes Hill 27 minutes to sing, nearly one third of the entire disc. Hill, egged on by Graham Johnson's indefatigable written commentary and equally graphic accompaniment, miraculously persuades the listener of its case.

Their musical stage-management of the work's erratic narrative pace and emotional crises is as convincingly pulled off as the contrastingly tiny first version of Goethe's "Am Flusse". Collectors may well relish this disc less for the singer than for the song, but Hill does draw a certain melodic grace and subtle gradation from six of Schubert's 23 Hölty settings, with two particularly fine nightingale songs.

As far as performance is concerned, Anne Sofie von Otter's latest **Brahms** recital is on an altogether different plane. The impeccably groomed, intensely musical voice turns with a will to eight of the *Zigeunerlieder*, finding their pulse and passion, and rolling her Rs as to the Magyar born. Stillness is here too. Von Otter cultivates the dark underside of her voice for the colour-drained lunar beauty of "Die Mainacht" and enjoys duetting with the viola of Nils-Erik Sparf in the two gentle nocturnes of Op 91.

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Ibsen's allure doubly revealed

US THEATRE

The Master Builder/ other plays New England

SOME while ago, I addressed the Ibsen Society of America on the subject of *The Master Builder*. Flanked by two professors who spun theories about trolls and towers, I *talked about how to cast* Hilde and Solness. The scholarly listeners' cool response indicated that they did not want to know *about such practical* matters as actually staging the play.

I was reminded of my flop lecture on the way to the Hartford Stage in Connecticut to see yet another Master Builder. In Mark Lamos's fluid production, I finally found a Hilde and Solness whose intensity, allure and devilry evoked Ibsen's elusive trolls. Though Cynthia Nixon's thin voice and Sam Waterston's occasional stridency were technical blots, their characterisations were psychologically full. The production has earned an invitation to the Oslo Festival this summer.

I frequent more classics than new plays in the regions on the theory that the pick of the latter will reach New York anyway. Lamos's production of Timberlake Wertenbaker's *Our Country's Good*, for instance, began at Hartford Stage in October and opens on Broadway this month. The Broadway failure of *Ghetto* two seasons ago, however, made it unlikely that the third play of Joshua Sobol's Vilna trilogy would reach New York — so to the Yale Repertory Theatre for **Underground**. Framed by 1991 Jerusalem hospital scenes where an old man is treated during an Iraqi air raid, Sobol's drama tells how the Vilna ghetto hospital staff outwitted the Nazis to save Jews *during* a typhus epidemic.

Like *Ghetto*, the play has mordant humour, sensuality and poignant portraits of love and courage. The Jerusalem scenes, however, are awkward and confusing, and except for the skilful typhus plot *Underground* has a meandering quality.

Trinity Repertory Company in Providence, Rhode Island, can usually be counted on for a fresh take on a classic. Its new artistic director, Richard Jenkins, invested **The School for Wives** with spontaneous lunacy, as if the Marx Brothers were doing Molière. Richard Wilber's rhymed-couplet translation was combined with a ragtag band and a set and costumes that looked like pieces from 17th-century thrift shops. When the Arnolph came into the audience to discuss his problems, I found myself eager to give him my chocolate bar if he turned to me for sympathy.

Both Trinity and the McCarter Theatre in Princeton, New Jersey, have new artistic directors. At the latter, Emily Mann, playwright *(Execution of Justice, Still Life)* and director, has recently joined *the increasing number of women* winning top positions at regional theatres. She opened her first McCarter season with a tender **The Glass Menagerie**, with Shirley Knight as Amanda and Judy Kuhn as Laura, and soon directs a new rhythm 'n' blues musical that she has co-written with Ntozake Shange (*For Colored Girls . . .*).

The most thoroughly satisfying 24 hours of theatre I have enjoyed this season has been in Boston, where "AT&T: On Stage" made possible Robert Wilson's staging of **When We Dead Awaken** at the American Repertory Theatre in Cambridge and an *exhibition of* Wilson's set pieces, drawings and videos of his works at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Robert *Brustein created an* English version of Ibsen's text that Wilson further adapted. Perhaps a third of the play was cut and more could have been, so eloquent were Wilson and John Conklin's sparse designs — like towering cliffs rendered in two curves separated by a chasm, and a ribbon of blue light signifying a river.

Mario Arrambide **and** *Stephanie Roth* **in the "AT&T: On Stage" production of** *When We Dead Awaken* **in Boston**

Hans Peter Kuhn's sound-score and the performers' alternation of mechanistic and natural speech were *tone-perfect. Wilson proves* an illuminating director of literary texts, and he gave Ibsen's an unexpectedly sweet spin by adding *three of his "knee plays"* as entr'actes. All featured the Tony Award-winning tap dancer Charles "Honi" Coles (who also played the Spa Manager) singing jazzy love-songs and tapping out one with the entire cast.

Crowning the Boston trip was a Huntington Theatre Company matinée of **Iphigenia**. Tazewell Thompson coupled Euripides' two Iphigenia plays and cast them colour-blind: in Aulis, Iphigenia was white, Agamemnon Asian, and Clytemnestra and Menelaus black; at Tauris, Iphigenia was black and Orestes white. Formal patterns in the chorus staging and in the design combined with impassioned earthiness in the principals to yield Greek tragedy at its heightened best.

HOLLY HILL

RADIO

April Fools Radio 4

BY GOING out on the eve of the relevant *date, April Fools* (Radio 4, Sunday) invited listeners browsing through the wavebands to catch a dose of mischief without calendrical sanction. Just as the employment of the words "But seriously" connotes anything but seriousness, so this parade of straight-faced hokum from page and air-wave implied that you would have to be a congenital idiot to believe what you were being told — unlike the standard fare of radio magazine programmes, which merely invite you to suspend critical faculties while absorbing useless information.

David Bellamy, to take the *most egregious example*, enthused about a hitherto unexplored region of Italy, its fauna and cuisine. The problem was that David Bellamy *enthusing about anything* under the moon is already the far side of parody. It sounded normal; it was normal. Again, on the vexed *question of EC regulations for the* permissable content of meat products — a hoax which introduced the cherishable term "ethnic puddings" — William Whitelaw was heard to emit the following lapidary sentence: "A threat posed to the traditional Cumberland sausage would appear to be real and to be dangerous." The fact that he sounded simultaneously waggish and pompous was no indication of his credulity, for he seldom sounds anything else.

As the career of the radio maverick Victor Lewis-Smith shows, the success of a prank depends on its blend of oddness and *predictability, and is not* worth the candle unless it perturbs or embarrasses people who deserve it. But then Lewis-Smith is a *maestro among artisans, a spin* bowler who keeps taking wickets with immaculately straight deliveries.

If the programme erred on the side of usefulness, it was in demonstrating to what extent April Fools rely on tweaking latent anxieties about the unknowable world south of Dover. A woman called Avril Premier told Radio Nottingham in a blatant *'Allo! 'Allo!* accent that, speaking in her capacity as professor of Judaeo-Roman Studies at the Sorbonne, she believed it likely that an artefact recently fished from the River Trent was in fact the Holy Grail. The *News of the World* once ran an item claiming that the two halves of the Channel tunnel would miss each other by some *14 feet*, the British engineers using Imperial measurements, the French metric. This was so like that newspaper's average diet of xenophobic fiction that one would have read it without blinking.

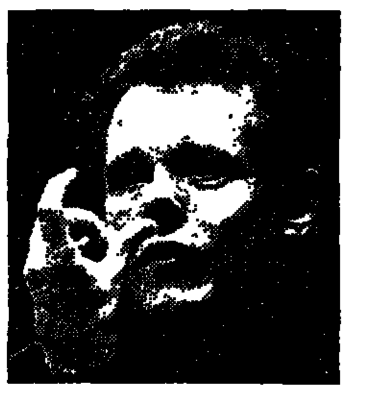
To hoax the readers of *The Times* is a parlous business, especially if done accidentally. We heard yet again the case of the former travel editor who found his squib about an unbeatable offer from Thomas Cook appearing in print when it should never have left his office. We did not hear about the television critic who two years ago invited readers to join him in despising an imported game show, *Pool Flair!*, in which starlets in weighted bikinis allegedly solved anagrams at the bottom of a swimming pool in Florida. To the best of my knowledge, nobody noticed.

MARTIN CROPPER

CONCERTS

Philharmonia/Jansons Festival Hall

HOW intensely, one wonders, do the players of the major London *orchestras feel a sense of competition* between each other now that the London Philharmonic has secured the South Bank residency? Certainly the Philharmonia players in their two concerts last week played out of their skins, though that may well have been because of the presence on the podium of Mariss Jansons. Visually he is an exciting and dramatic conductor, but often that can mean a superficial approach to performance. Not in Jansons' case. Everything in these two evenings pointed to meticulous preparation, and to judge from Jansons' gestures of praise and gratitude at the end, he is also careful to cultivate a positive relationship with his musicians.



Jansons: crucial insights

Despite his brilliant reading of excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* at the end of the second concert, the biggest and most problematic work of the five Jansons tackled was Shostakovich's Tenth Symphony, the climax of the first evening. It was disturbing to sense the audience responding joyfully to what it clearly considered unambiguous triumphalism at the end of this piece. Being Shostakovich, and being music written (in 1953) still under the long shadow of Stalin, the passage is not, of course, triumphant at all, but something rather more cynical and frightening, especially in the light of all that has gone before — a despairing, austere and intense opening *movement, an explosively violent* Scherzo, a deliberately pallid intermezzo of a third movement.

For an orchestra such a piece *presents the problem of sustaining* contradictions, of preventing its own virtuosity from becoming too joyfully celebrated. This is where a *man of Jansons' insight becomes* invaluable. His was a superbly well-shaped, controlled account, even though the tempos tended to *technique-stretching extremes*. The screaming fortissimos of the E flat clarinet and piccolo here caused physical pain, as they were designed to do. But there were moments of tenderness too, the strings often sweet as well as secure, while the woodwind, and particularly the refined oboe of John Anderson, seized every chance of displaying their more mellifluous qualities.

That same flavour of despair, though more concentrated, permeates Schnittke's *Ritual for Orchestra* (1984), written to *commemorate the liberation of Belgrade* in the second world war, which began Jansons' second concert. This monolith of a piece takes the *form of a huge* arch. Typically its ideas are simple and strong, its concept audacious, and its sound utterly original. Once again this *performance was distinguished as* much by its control as its atmosphere. David Corkhill's playing of the crotales, left exposed *and isolated at the end of the* piece, deserves mention for its coolness and precision.

Jansons and his players coped well *in the first concert with a* rather wayward soloist in Lynn Harrell, whose over-emotional stretching of Elgar's Cello Concerto went far beyond even Du Pré's celebrated interpretation. In the later concert the young German violinist Frank Peter Zimmerman performed the Sibelius Violin Concerto with just the sort of level-headed approach from which the Elgar would have benefited.

STEPHEN PETTITT

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country.

NEW RELEASES

◆ THE BIG STEAL (15): Mild Australian comedy. *Teenagers romance*, but Steve Bisley (an unscrupulous car dealer) gets the best laughs. Director, Nadia Tass. Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Oxford Street (071-636 0310).

◆ *DESPERATE HOURS* (15): Hideous remake of Joseph Hayes' thriller about a family taken hostage by criminals. Mickey Rourke, Anthony Hopkins; blunderbuss direction by Michael Cimino.
Prince Charles (071-437 8181).

GOLDEN BRAID (15): Paul Cox's fetchingly strange tale of a clock repairer's obsession with a braid of hair, adapted from de Maupassant. Chris Haywood, Gosia Dobrowolska.
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Camden Plaza (071-485 2443) Metro (071-437 0757).

◆ KING RALPH (PG): Thin, boring vehicle for the burly John Goodman — a genial American slob who ascends the British throne. Starring Peter O'Toole. Director: David S. Ward.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Oxford Street (071-636 0310) Plaza (071-497 9999) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

MISTER JOHNSON (12): Bruce Beresford's engrossing adaptation of Joyce Cary's novel about culture clashes in colonial Nigeria. Maynard Eziashi lights up the screen as the native clerk caught between two worlds.
Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661).

CURRENT

AMERICAN FRIENDS (PG): Nineteenth-century romance between an Oxford don (Michael Palin) and a young American (Trini Alvarado). Slender, charming, tasteful; director, Tristram Powell.
Odeon Haymarket (071-839 7697).

C'EST LA VIE (12): Evocative autobiographical recollection by French director Diane Kurys: a childhood seaside holiday soured by marital breakup.
Premiere (071-439 4470).

CYRANO DE BERGERAC (U): Gérard Depardieu masterful as the lovelorn, long-nosed Cyrano; director Jean-Paul Rappeneau transforms Rostand's play into *magnificent, swashbuckling cinema.*
Chelsea Cinema (071-351 3742) Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Premiere (071-439 4470) Renoir (071-837 8402) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ DANCES WITH WOLVES (12): Kevin Costner as the Civil War lieutenant sucked into the Sioux's way of life. Over-reverent, though Costner mounts his directorial debut with aplomb. Winner of seven Oscars.
Cannons, Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 8861) Odeon Marble Arch (071-723 2011) Screen on the Green (071-226 3520) Warner (071-439 0791) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

THE FIELD (12): Richard Harris in Thirties Ireland, fighting for his land. Grandly vaulting, but windy drama, from the *My Left Foot* team.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) Minema (071-235 4225).

◆ THE GODFATHER PART III (15): Brooding finale to Francis Ford Coppola's Mafia saga, handsomely staged but lacking resonance. Al Pacino, Andy Garcia, Talia Shire.
Cannons: Baker Street (071-935 9772) *Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Empire (071-497 9999)* Notting Hill Coronet (071-727 6705) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ GOODFELLAS (18): Martin Scorsese's dynamic gangster epic following a New York hoodlum's *rise and fall*. With Ray Liotta, Robert De Niro and Oscar-winner Joe Pesci.
Odeon Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ GREEN CARD (12): Marriage of convenience becomes *unbearable when* slobbish Gérard Depardieu moves in with uptight Andie MacDowell. Likeable New York romantic comedy; director, Peter Weir.
Camden Parkway (071-267 7034)
Cannons: Chelsea (071-352 5096) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 6644/5) Mezzanine (071-930 6111) Swiss Cottage (071-722 5905) Plaza (071-497 9999) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ THE GRIFTERS (18): Stephen Frears's disjointed version of Jim Thompson's con-artist thriller. John Cusack, Anjelica Huston, Annette Bening, stranded in a glossy limbo.
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Panton Street (071-930 0631) Warner (071-439 0791).

◆ JETSONS: THE MOVIE (U): Sit-com humour in a futuristic setting, a muddled attempt to bring the Sixties cartoon series before today's young audiences. Directors, William Hanna and Joe Barbera
Cannons: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324)

JU DOU (15): Lust and revenge in a Chinese dye factory. Extraordinary, compe drama from Zhang Yimou, director of *Red Sorghum*.
ICA Cinema (071-930 3647).

LIFE IS SWEET (15): Ups and downs of a North London family depicted by master caricaturist Mike Leigh. Droll, farcical, at times oddly moving, with Alison Steadman.
Gate (071-727 4043) Lumiere (071-836 0691).

◆ MR AND MRS BRIDGE (PG): *Eloquen portrait of an upper middle-class America marriage*, from Evan S. Connell's novels. Joanne Woodward, Paul Newman, director, James Ivory
Curzon Mayfair (071-465 8865).

THE NASTY GIRL (PG): Provocative, funny assault on Germany's Nazi past, with Lena Stolze as the girl uncovering her home town's shady history
Cannon Piccadilly (071-437 3561) Screen on Baker Street (071-935 2772).

◆ PACIFIC HEIGHTS (15): Evil tenant Michael Keaton makes life hell for landlords Matthew Modine and Melanie Griffith. Strenuous, implausible thriller; director, Joh Schlesinger.
Cannons, Chelsea (071-352 5096) Haymarket (071-839 1527) Odeon Mezza (071-930 6111) Whiteleys (071-792 3303/3324).

◆ POSTCARDS FROM THE EDGE (15): Caustic Tinseltown comedy, with a few la from Carrie Fisher's novel. Meryl Streep as the drug-abused actress, Shirley MacLaine her mother. Director, Mike Nichols.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Odeons: Kensington (071-602 664 Mezzanine (071-930 6111).

◆ REVERSAL OF FORTUNE (15): Oscar-winner Jeremy Irons as the inscrutab Claus von Bulow, tried for the attempted murder of his wife. Brilliant unravelling of a recent enigma; director, Barbet Schroede
Cannon Panton Street (071-930 0631).

◆ THE RUSSIA HOUSE (12): Serpentine spy games with Sean Connery and Michel Pfeiffer. Muted thriller from John Le Carré novel; director, Fred Schepisi.
Barbican (071-638 8891) Cannon Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148) Pr (071-497 9999).

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of current theatre in London
■ House full, returns only
▨ Some seats available
☐ Seats at all prices

▨ CHILDREN OF EDEN: Genial musical jinks round Genesis, supplied by John Caird and Stephen Schwartz.
Prince Edward, Old Compton Street, W1 (071-734 8951) Underground Leicester Square. Mon-Sat, 7.45pm. mats Thurs, Sat, 2.30pm. Running time. 2hrs 50mins. Closes Saturday.

▨ THE CLOSING NUMBER: Weird, wordless piece by Yugoslavian Mladen Materic for Shared Experience, with knife-throwing, garden gnomes and red jelly.
Hampstead Theatre, Avenue Road, NW3 (071-722 9301). Underground Swiss Cottage. Mon-Sat, 8pm. mat Sat, 4pm. Running time: 1hr 35mins. Closes April 6.

☐ DANCING AT LUGHNASA: Brian Friel's haunting memory-play sets catholic prudery up against pagan ecstasy. Alec McCowen and Dublin's Abbey Theatre.
Phoenix, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1044). Underground. Tottenham Court Road. Mon-Sat 8pm. mats Thurs 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time 2hrs 30mins.

☐ DON'T DRESS FOR DINNER: Simon Cadell in average French-boulevard stuff: mistresses, cover-ups and all that.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 2663) Underground Piccadilly. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat. 8.30pm. mats Wed. 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mins.

☐ THE FALSE COUNT: Accomplished production of Aphra Behn's Restoration romp: bawdy, bedrooms and battles at sea. First in a series of women's plays.
Man in the Moon, 392 King's Road, SW3 *(071-351 2876) Underground Sloane Square.* Tonight, tomorrow, 8.30pm. Running time: 2hrs 15mins. In repertory with *Approaching Zanzibar* and *Keely's Mother*.

■ FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE: Marvellous jazzy revue packed with Louis Jordan numbers. An evening of joy.
Lyric, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-437 3686) Underground Piccadilly Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat. 6pm and 8.45pm. Running time: 1hr 45mins.

☐ 42ND STREET: Irresistible tap-dancing novice-to-star musical back in town to give everyone a tonic.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road. W1 (071-580 9562) Underground. Tottenham Court Road Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs. Sat. 2.30pm Running time. 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 20.

☐ THE HOMECOMING: Warren Mitchell and others seducing and seduced by Cherie Lunghi in Peter Hall's Pinter revival.
Comedy, Panton Street, W1 (071-867 1045) Underground. Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 5pm. Running time. 2hrs 15mins.

■ INVISIBLE FRIENDS: Ayckbourn's serious comedy about a girl's fantasy family who turn hostile. Oddly preachy ending but strong on laughs and shudders.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Underground/BR. Waterloo. *Tonight, 7.30pm, mat today*, 2.30pm. Running time. 2hrs.

☐ JEFFREY BERNARD IS UNWELL: Peter O'Toole back playing the drunk-about-town columnist for a limited run.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue. WC2 (071-379 5399) Underground. Tottenham Court Road Mon-Fri, 8.30pm. Sat. 5pm and 8.30pm. Running time. 2hrs 10mins. Closes May 25.

☐ *KIT AND THE WIDOW LAVISHLY MOUNTED!*: Urbane cabaret from Kit Hesketh-Harvey and Richard Sisson wittily pointing the finger at politics and culture.
Vaudeville, Strand. WC2 (071-836 9987). Underground Charing Cross. Mon-Fri, 8pm, Sat 6pm and 8.40pm. Running time: 2hrs. Closes April 13.

■ LULU: The charismatic Joanne Whalley Kilmer as Wedekind's voracious sex goddess littering the salons of Europe with corpses: fine production of a masterwork.
Almeida, Almeida Street, N1 (071-359 4404) Underground Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mat Sat. 3.30pm. Running time: 3hrs. Closes April 20.

☐ MEETINGS: Revival of Mustapha Matura's 1982 play in praise of old Trinidad. Nicely acted, often hilarious, doesn't quite add up.
Tricycle, 269 Kilburn High Street, NW6 (071-328 1000) Underground Kilburn. Mon-Sat, 8pm. mat Sat. 4pm Running time. 2hrs 10mins. Closes Saturday.

☐ THE REHEARSAL: Ian McDiarmid's stylish production (costumes by Jasper Conran) of Anouilh's seduction play.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-379 6107) Underground Leicester Square. *Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat. 8pm, mats Tues,* 3pm, Sat, 4pm. Running time. 2hrs 30mins.

▨ SILLY COW: Ben Elton's awkward collection of one-liners, centred around Dawn French as a ghoulish tabloid journo.
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (071-930 8800). Underground. Piccadilly. Mon-Thurs, 8pm. Fri, Sat, 5.30pm and 8.45pm. Running time. 2hrs 10mins.

▨ TIMON OF ATHENS: David Suchet suave and sulphurous in a modern-dress production by Trevor Nunn.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363) Underground. Waterloo. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm. mat Thurs, 1.30pm. Running tim 3hrs 15mins. Closes April 20.

▨ THE TRACKERS OF OXYRHYNCHUS: Revival of Tony Harris brilliant version of a Greek satyr play, intertwining modern and ancient themes about art and cultural poverty.
National (Olivier) (as left). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm. *Running time: 1hr 50*

▨ TWELFTH NIGHT: Peter Hall's production stresses comedy and motive: Eric Porter, Dinsdale Landen, David Ryal
Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC *(071-839 4401). Underground Embankm* Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm. Running time 2hrs 40mins.

☐ VICTORY: No punches pulled in Howard Barker's demolition of Charles I his court. Strong meat, stimulating theat
Greenwich Theatre, Croom's Hill, SE10 (081-858 7755) British Rail Greenwich. M Sat, 7.45pm, mat Sat. 2.30pm. Running time. 2hrs 30mins. Closes April 13.

☐ *WHAT THE BUTLER SAW*: Incest, assault and bisexual junketing preserved in aspic of Joe Orton's wit. Not quite a top-class production but worth seeing.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116) Underground Leicester Square. Mon-Thurs. 8pm, Fri, Sat, 6pm an 8.40pm. Running time. 2hrs.

LONG RUNNERS: ☐ Aspects of Love: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ Bl Brothers: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ☐ Buddy: Victoria Palace (071-834 1 . . . ■ Cats: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ▨ Me and My Girl: Adelphi (0 836 7611) . . . ■ Les Misérables: Palac 434 0909) . . . ■ Miss Saigon: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-836 8108) . . . ☐ Mousetrap: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ The Phantom of the Oper Majesty's (071-839 2244) . . . ☐ Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (0 5299) . . . ☐ The Rocky Horror Show: Piccadilly (071-867 1118) . . . ☐ *Run Fo Wife*: Duchess (071-836 8243) . . . ☐ Shirley Valentine: Duke of York' 836 5122) . . . ☐ A Slice of Saturday Night: Arts (071-836 2132) . . . ▨ Starli Express: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ☐ The Woman in Black: Fortu (071-836 2238).

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TODAY'S EVENTS

A SLICE OF SATURDAY NIGHT: As a new cast, headed by Sixties heart-throb Jess Conrad, has taken over at the Arts Theatre, another production visits the *Hammersmith Odeon with cult-figure Gary Glitter as the Club A Go-Go manager in the Heather Brothers' popular musical.*
Hammersmith Odeon, Queen Caroline Street, London W6 (071-748 4081), 7.30pm.

D'OYLY CARTE OPERA COMPANY: The Gilbert & Sullivan specialists open a two-week season in London with two new productions: *The Gondoliers* directed by Tim Hopkins (who recently revived the ENO's *The Love for Three Oranges*) with designs by Nigel Lowery and *Iolanthe* directed by Andrew Wickes with designs by James Hendy.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 8916), 7.30pm.

MAX ERNST: Ernst, whose centenary is being celebrated with a grand retrospective at the Tate, has a peculiar force and amazing skill as a painter. Involved with the Surrealist movement in France in the Twenties and Thirties and before that with the original Dada movement in Cologne, he derived many of his basic processes from a Surrealist fascination with the arbitrary and the accidental. Anybody who is not familiar with one of the greatest of modern masters should lose no time in becoming acquainted.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (071-821 7128), 10am-6pm, until April 21.

THE LONDON PHILHARMONIC: Klaus *Tennstedt conducts Smetana's The Bartered Bride* Overture, Dvořák's Symphony No 8 and Janáček's Sinfonietta.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm.

JOHN WILLIAMS: The virtuoso guitarist joins the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra under Sir Charles Groves for Rodrigo's *Concierto de Aranjuez* and Gower's Chamber Concerto for Guitar together with works by Ravel and De Falla.
Barbican, *Silk Street*, London EC2 (071-638 8891), 7.45pm.

SONG RECITAL: Soprano Jennifer Smith gives a French and German song recital, accompanied by pianist Geoffrey Parsons.
Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street, London W1 (071-935 2141), 7.30pm.

MATADOR: Elijah Moshinsky directs Stefanie Powers, making her West End musical debut, in a new work inspired by the life of *El Cordobes*. *Music and lyrics by Michael* Leander and Edward Seago. Previews begin tonight.
Queen's Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, London W1 (071-494 5040), 7.45pm.

SWAN LAKE: Peter Darrell's 1977 production of *Swan Lake* comes up strongly in Scottish Ballet's latest revival, now in Liverpool for a week of performances.
Empire Theatre, Lime Street, Liverpool (051-709 1555), 7.30pm.

MY LOVELY . . . SHAYNA MAIDEL: Opening night of American dramatist Ba Lebow's play about a family's re-union after the second world war, starring And Dobson and Peter O'Brien.
Ambassadors Theatre, West Street, London WC2 (071-836 6111), 7pm.

BIRMINGHAM ROYAL BALLET: After the London season the company moves Sunderland performing Ashton's *Façad* Bintley's *Brahms Handel Variations* and Balanchine's *Theme and Variations* in a triple bill alongside Peter Wright and Ga Samsova and Philip Prowse's lavish and dramatic production of *Swan Lake*.
Empire Theatre, High Street West, Sunderland (091-514 2517), 7.30pm.

NORTHERN BALLET THEATRE: Christopher Gable scores a direct hit wi new production of *Romeo and Juliet*. He *has boldly cut and occasionally reorgan* Prokofiev's score, managing to eliminat digressive set pieces, and achieves thi on a more intimate scale than usual. Tonight Jayne Reagan and William Walk the leads.
Palace Theatre, Oxford Street, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.30pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

ANGUSTATE

(c) Narrowed, compressed, strait, and as an active verb, to make narrow, from the Latin *angustus* narrow: "It angustates and constringes laxer parts."

DISCOMFIT

(c) To undo in battle, to defeat or *overthrow* completely, to rout and marmelise, frequently confused solecistically with to *discomfort*, from the Latin *dis-* privative and negative + *conficere* to make ready, finish off; *I Henry IV*: "Thrice hath this Hotspur Mars in *swathing* clothes/ Discomfited great Douglas."

HASENPFEFFER

(a) A highly seasoned rabbit stew, from the German word: "Pork and beans, hasenpfeffer, and corned beef and cabbage are equally palatable over there in New York."

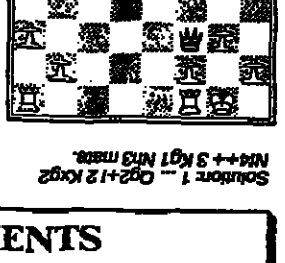
NATATORIUM

(a) A swimming pool, from the Latin *natatorium* a place for swimming: "A considerable number of Wallesley College girls patronised the Brookline [sic] natatorium."

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

This position is from the game Utjaganov — Konovalov, USSR 1950. How does Black exploit the chronic light square weaknesses in the White kingside?



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BBC 1

Ceefax 6.30 Breakfast News

Children's BBC begins with Popeye and Son (r) 9.30 Why Don't You . . . ? Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters

News, regional news and weather 10.05 Playdays (r) 10.25 The Family Ness (r) 10.35 The Jetsons

News, regional news and weather 11.05 Kick Start. Peter Purves and John Lampkin introduce the first heat in a new series of the junior motorcycle championship 11.30 Eats for Treats. Jane Asher embarks on a series of cookery adventures (r)

News, regional news and weather. 12.05 Rosemary Conley's Diet and Fitness Club. Keep fit and stay in shape 12.20 Scene Today. Entertainment from the foyer of Pebble Mill 12.55 Regional news and weather

News and weather

Neighbours. (Ceefax) 1.50 Turnabout. Quiz show

Film: The Red Pony (1949) Tasteful adaptation of the John Steinbeck novel about a boy who, in seeking escape from the bickering and tensions within his family life, becomes deeply attached to a horse. The film is a stirring description of the relationship between the boy, his father and the horse, and features strong performances from Robert Mitchum, Peter Miles and Myrna Loy in the leading role, plus a notable score by Aaron Copeland. Directed by Lewis Milestone 3.40 Cartoon with Tom and Jerry (r) (r)

Quick Draw McGraw 4.00 Pigsty. Children's comedy series (r) 4.10 SuperTed (r) 4.20 Simon and the Witch. Episode one of a 12-part children's drama (r) 4.35 Dungeons And Dragons. Cartoon adventure series (r)

Newsround 5.05 Gruey Twoey. Children's comedy drama (r)

Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) Northern Ireland: Sportswide 5.40 Inside Ulster

News with Jill Dando and Andrew Harvey. Weather

Regional News Magazines. Northern Ireland: Neighbours

Holiday 91. Includes a look at the growing market for luxury cruise holidays in the Mediterranean and the Caribbean. Plus Gillian Reynolds celebrating the 200th anniversary of Mozart's death with a report from Vienna. (Ceefax)

EastEnders. (Ceefax)

Dad's Army. Classic Home Guard comedy. This week Mainwairing is piqued when a death in Wilson's family means the sergeant is now on the fringes of the aristocracy (r)

A Question Of Sport. David Coleman asks the questions and Bill Beaumont and Ian Botham are joined by Sally Gunnell, Jonathan Davies, Ray Houghton and Marcus Armytage (Ceefax)

Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather.

Adele Salem (left), Timothy Davies and Leigh Lawson (9.30pm)

Kinsey: I've Been Nutmegged — Done Up Like a Kipper!

● CHOICE: Following the television fashion for surname titles, *Kinsey* introduces a Birmingham solicitor Neil Kinsey (played by Leigh Lawson) who is a sort of legal Lovejoy. Like the swarthy antiques dealer he is crafty and a bit unscrupulous but usually on the side of the weak against the strong. He is not, however, clever enough to sniff out dirty dealings on his own patch. Even as he is helping an elderly widow over an unpaid mortgage, he is being done over by his partner (Timothy Davies) and chief cashier (Adele Salem) who abscond to sunnier climes for an adulterous fling with clients' money. *Kinsey* is a six-part drama by Peter Gibbs, an experienced radio and television dramatist who once played cricket for Derbyshire. On the early evidence it is a crisp and well-made drama, but a shade mechanical and lacking the wry humour which helped to make *Spender* such an enjoyable occupant of the Tuesday night drama slot. (Ceefax) Wales: Week In Week Out 10.00 Kinsey

Film 91 With Barry Norman. Includes a review of Sidney Lumet's *Q & A* which exposes racism and corruption within the New York judicial system

UK Dance Championships 91 presented by Angela Rippon from the Bournemouth International Centre. Northern Ireland: 11.05 Film 91

Spenser For Hire. American action-thriller starring Robert Urich as a former Boston footballer turned private eye. Northern Ireland 11.35-12.10am UK Dance Championships

am Weather. Wales: Film 91 12.45 News and weather

BBC 2

8 15 Holiday Outings St Davids Dyfed (r)

8.20 Love at First Sight Lovers recall their first romantic encounter (r) (Ceefax)

9.00 Film: The Gay Falcon (1941 b/w) George Sanders as the debonair supersleuth, tackling murder and robbery at a society function. With Wendy Barrie and Allen Jenkins. Directed by Irving Reis

10.05 Film: Abbott and Costello meet the Invisible Man (1951, b/w) The comedy duo star as private detectives investigating murder in the boxing fraternity. Look out for the picture of Claude Rains, the original invisible man, on Dr Gray's wall. Directed by Charles Lamont

11.25 Duke Ellington (b/w) A short film in which the Duke and his band play such classics as "It Don't Mean a Thing" and "Mr Saturday Blues" (r) 11.35 The Honeymooners (b/w) (r)

12.00 After Hours Magazine programme which today features coemdy actor Bill Cosby on holiday

12.20 The Royal Institution Christmas Lectures: The Origin of the Galaxies. In part four, Professor Malcolm Longair discusses unanswered questions about the cycle of birth, life and the death of stars (r) 1.20 Postman Pat (r) 1.35 Sign Extra. *A Shabby Dog Story*. For the deaf, with sign language and subtitles, a chance to see previously broadcast programmes (r)

2.00 News and weather followed by 2.05 Muggeridge. The biographical series continues with a look at the late Malcolm Muggeridge's life between 1903 and 1927 (r)

3.00 News and weather followed by Mick Burke Awards. The second of two programmes for amateur adventure film makers watches a group from Oxford University en route to study Arctic hares, and a kayak team braving the rapids and crocodiles of the Zambezi Gorge 3.50 News, weather and regional bulletins

4.00 Call My Bluff with Robert Robinson (r)

4.30 Plunder. Jools Holland's trip down memory lane via the BBC archives includes his personal selection of clips from the Sixties series, *Mogul*, and comedy from *Frost over England* and *The Young Ones*, respectively

5.00 Advice Shop. The final programme in the present series looks back at what has happened to the people and places featured, *including sacked security guard John Donnelly, the Suzy* Lamplugh Trust, and Jean Bont's campaign for a proper sea wall at Towyn. Presented by Jacqui Harper and Helen Madden

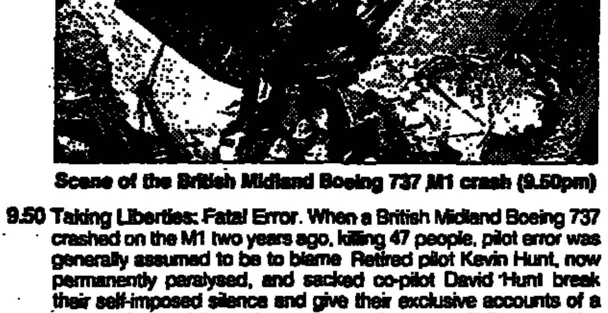
5.30 Gardeners' World visits plots in Belgium and Derbyshire (r)

6.00 Film: The Man Who Never Was (1956) Watchable story based on fact, of how wartime naval intelligence personnel schemed to deceive the Germans into expecting the wrong venue for a planned allied attack. With Clifton Webb, Gloria Grahame and Robert Flemyng. Directed by Ronald Neame

7.40 Families at War: The Volunteer. First in a trilogy where Peter Taylor traces the effect of the "troubles" on Northern Ireland families, and in particular the O'Dohertys whose son Shane Paul joined the IRA some 20 years ago when aged 15 and ended up with a 30-year sentence for bomb offences (r). (Ceefax)

8.30 Nature: A Drop to Drink? Rainy Britain faces a permanent water shortage, with 20 million people affected by hosepipe bans. Are water meters on the way? A report from John Howard (Ceefax)

9.00 Twin Peaks. As Agent Cooper (Kyle MacLachlan) heads for a showdown with Jean Renault, a more deadly adversary moves in. Ben Horne fights past battles, and Shelly is in for a shock. (Ceefax)



Scene of the British Midland Boeing 737 M1 crash (9.50pm)

9.50 Taking Liberties: Fatal Error. When a British Midland Boeing 737 crashed on the M1 two years ago, killing 47 people, pilot error was generally assumed to be to blame. Retired pilot Kevin Hunt, now permanently paralysed, and sacked co-pilot David Hunt break their self-imposed silence and give their exclusive accounts of a tragedy that could have begun long before take-off. Presented by David Jessel

10.20 Building Sights. Film director Derek Jarman revisits the Wimborne, Dorset, house built and designed by his former art master, Robin Noscoe, which contains oddities like a stained-glass window made from the hotplate of an Aga cooker and numerous paintings by Noscoe's pupils, including one by Jarman

10.30 Newsnight

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine

11.55 Weather

ITV

6 00 TV-am

9 25 Lucky Ladders Word quiz 9 55 Thames News and weather

10 00 Out of This World American comedy series

10.30 This Morning Family magazine

12.10 Rod, Jane and Freddy with stories about clocks and time (r)

12.30 News with John Suchet Weather 1.10 Thames News and weather

1.20 Home and Away 1.50 A Country Practice

2.20 Take the High Road 2.50 Jumble. Quiz show

3.15 ITN News headlines 3.20 Thames News headlines 3.25 Families

3.55 The Wombles (Oracle) 4.00 Dirty Beasts and Revolting Rhymes *New series of Roald Dahl's poems read by* Prunella Scales and Timothy West and animated by Quentin Blake 4.15 The Return of Dogtanian. Cartoon 4.40 Diamond Brothers — South by South East. Children's comedy series

5.10 Blockbusters Bob Holness hosts the quiz game for teenagers

5.40 News with Fiona Armstrong (Oracle) Weather

5.55 Thames Help for children with anxieties about school

6.00 Home and Away (r)

6.30 Thames News and weather

7.00 Emmerdale Soap set in the Yorkshire Dales (Oracle)

7.30 Thames Reports: Dirty Work. An investigation into the extent that the cleaning industry is dependent on illegal immigrants

8.00 The Bill. The CID is called in to investigate the suspicious death of a *retired doctor Continues on Thursday (Oracle)*

8.30 Fiddlers Three Mundane office comedy (Oracle)

Advocates: Stella Gonet, Isla Blair and Ewan Stewart (9.00pm)

9.00 The Advocates

● CHOICE The BBC and ITV apparently do not talk to each other or they would not both be launching new legal dramas on the same night. Overlapping with *Kinsey* on BBC1 is a three-parter from Scottish Television about an Edinburgh law firm in financial trouble which gets involved in a sordid tale of drugs, corruption and murder. Alma Cullen's script focuses on two thrusting young lawyers (Stella Gonet and Ewan Stewart) who start off by hardly speaking a civil word to each other but agree bury their antagonism in the cause of justice. Isla Blair plays their boss. Much is packed into the opening episode. A prostitute dies of a drugs overdose. A property developer exploits local opposition to a health clinic which is trying to help addicts. He is obviously shaping up to be villain number one. Villain number two is a pimp-cum-drugs dealer. You will gather that this is not the Edinburgh of the tourist brochures (Oracle)

10.00 News at Ten with Alastair Burnet and Alastair Stewart (Oracle) Weather 10.30 Thames News and weather

10.40 First Tuesday: Gitmo — Cold War in Cuba

● CHOICE. Here is the story of an international anomaly, an American naval base on the very soil of communist Cuba. In Guantanamo Bay American marines and Cuban border guards glower at one another across a vast minefield. The Cubans want *the Americans out but are stopped by a treaty going back nearly a* century. The Americans are determined to stay and don't mind the Cubans knowing it. The base commander admits that their presence causes aggravation and he is delighted. Each year the US Navy sends Fidel Castro a cheque for the rent of the land. Each year Castro refuses to cash it. Curiously a handful of Cubans still works in the base, crossing the gates each morning and being taken back at night. The Americans spend millions of dollars beaming television propaganda at Cuba but the programmes are jammed and never seen. It would be funny if it were not so serious

11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Unintentionally hilarious Australian drama set in a women's detention centre

12.30am This Week — 35 Years on the Front Line: Nymphs and Shepherds. David Elstein presents a film from 1975 about the reunion of the original Manchester Schoolchildren's Choir (r)

1.00 Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup

1.30 How Was It For You? Henry Kelly asks if the British are obsessed with class. With comment from Ken Livingstone, MP, Molly Parkin and Emma Soames

2.00 Donahue meets male calender pin-ups

3.00 60 Minutes. American current affairs magazine

4.00 Entertainment UK. A weekly guide

5.00 Coming of Age. American comedy series (r)

5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6 00 The Channel Four Daily

9.25 The Poetry Book Robert Stephens reads Robert Browning's *How They Brought the Good News From Ghent to Aix*

9 30 California Off Beat Californians' obsession with self-expression

10.00 The West of the Imagination. The "Wild West" as portrayed in music and the movies (r)

11.00 Fragile Earth investigates pollution in the Mediterranean (r)

12.00 Noah's Ark The animals of Peru's Manu national park

12.30 Business Daily presented by Susannah Simons

1.00 Sesame Street American early-learning series

2.00 Rainbow Serpent. A new seven-part series looking at modern Australia and the debt it owes to its past

2.30 Film. Oh Men! Oh Women! (1957) Enjoyable light comedy with David Niven in fine form as a psychiatrist who begins cracking up when he discovers that one of his patients has fallen for his girlfriend played by Ginger Rogers. Also starring Dan Dailey and Barbara Rush. Directed by Nunnally Johnson

4.10 Film: Men in Black (1934 b/w) starring the Three Stooges Mo, Curly and Larry are let loose in a hospital. The short was nominated for an Academy Award

4.30 Fifteen-to-One. Quiz show hosted by William G Stewart

5.00 Boom! The children's magazine programme features a report on Graham Dangerfield's Cornish wildlife sanctuary

5.30 Same Difference The magazine programme looking at current affairs in the UK from the perspective of disabled people

6.00 The People's Game The second of a six-part series tracing the history of football

6.15 Gazza's Soccer School. Paul Gascoigne demonstrates the art of dribbling and shielding

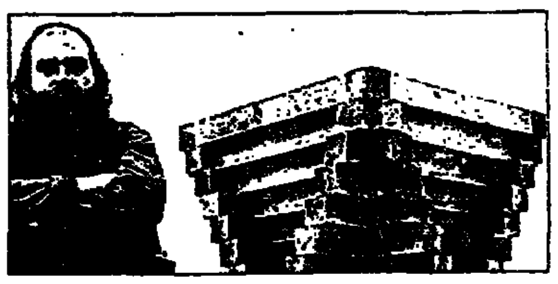
6.30 Remote Control. Presenter Anthony Wilson humiliates three more unsuspecting contestants in this supposedly satirical quiz show

7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Zeinab Badawi

7.50 Comment followed by Weather

8.00 The Black Bag: The Price of Power. Clandestinely-filmed documentary identifying two Indian villages whose inhabitants have been poisoned by radiation leaking from a power station at nearby Rajasthan

8.30 Nature Watch: Wild Flowers Lady Bird Johnson the former American first lady visits the Northampton gardens of Dr Miriam Rothschild and finds a haven for threatened wild flowers (r)



Sculptor Carl André caused uproar in the Seventies (9.00pm)

9.00 Without Walls: Upholding the Bricks

● CHOICE Carl André, the American sculptor whose Tate Gallery bricks caused such a fuss in the Seventies turns out to be a nephew by marriage of the veteran television presenter Raymond Baxter. Mark James's film is built around the two men although they do not meet and André is heard but never seen. Baxter retraces a visit by the young André to England when Uncle Raymond took him round Salisbury Cathedral, Tintern Abbey and Stonehenge. For an artist interested in materials in their raw state, *Stonehenge was a profound and lasting influence. Some of the* parallels are strained as when Baxter equates his war time role as a Spitfire pilot with the loneliness of artistic creation. And Baxter admits that his appreciation of his nephew's work is based more on respect than understanding. But this is an unusual family memoir as well as an accessible introduction to a difficult artist

10.00 Film: Under the Volcano (1984) It took director John Huston nearly 30 years to bring Malcolm Lowry's novel to the screen and he was probably made to wait a little too long. The film details the final 24 hours of a self-destructive former diplomat, played by Albert Finney, as he consumes vast quantities of alcohol and argues with his wife, Jacqueline Bisset. The film received a muted critical reception and was faulted for failing to capture the spirit of the book. With Anthony Andrews

12.05am Film: Murrow (1986) Daniel J Travanti delivers a powerful performance as Edward R Murrow, the journalist whose broadcasts pitted him against the post-second world war American establishment. The film portrays Murrow's attempts to challenge the communist witchhunts of Senator Joe McCarthy as well as his private battle against lung cancer. Dabney Coleman appears as CBS founding chairman William Paley and Robert Vaughn has a small role as FBI supremo J Edgar Hoover. A polished television biopic, directed by Britain's Jack Gold. Ends at 2.15

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HTV WEST

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HTV WALES

As HTV West except: 6.00-6.30 Wales at Six 7.30-8.00 Day Return

TSW

As London except: 2.20pm-2.50 High Days and Holidays 3.25-3.55 Home and Away 5.10-5.40 Families 6.00 TSW Today 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Ark on the Move 11.40 The Sweeney 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.45 Film: Omar Khayyam (Cornel Wilde, Michael Rennie) 3.40 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.05-5.30 Farming News

TVS

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 The Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Coast to Coast 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 A Taste of the South 11.40 Almost Grown 12.35 Schmenski 2.20 Vivid 3.20 60 Minutes 4.15 *Jack Thompson Down* Under 4.45 Country Ways 5.00-5.10 Coast to Coast People

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Farmhouse Kitchen 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Northern Life 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Something to Treasure 11.40 Special Squad 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.45 Film: Omar Khayyam (Cornel Wilde, Michael Rennie) 3.40 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

ULSTER

As London except: 1.50pm-2.20 Sons and Daughters 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.05 The Spectacular World of Guinness Records 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 How Does Your Garden Grow? 11.40 The New Avengers 12.40 Superstars of Wrestling 1.45 Film. Omar Khayyam (Cornel Wilde, Michael Rennie) 3.40 Night Beat 4.35 Word of Mouth 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 5.10-5.40 Home and Away 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 Blockbusters 7.30-8.00 Taxi 11.40 Men 12.35 The Young Raiders 1.35 Hodson Confidential 2.00 60 Minutes 3.00 Music Box 4.00 Word of Mouth 4.30-5.30 Jobfinder

S4C

Starts: 6.00am The Art of Landscape 6.30 *C4 Daily 9.25 The Poetry Book* 9.30 California Off Beat 10.00 The West of the Imagination 11.00 Film: Ladies of the Chorus (Marilyn Monroe, Rand Brooks) 12.10 Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 Newyddion 12.40 Slot Meithrin 1.00 Countdown 1.30 Business Daily 2.00 The New Age 2.30 Chasing Shadows 3.30 Wagon Train 4.30 Slot 23 5.15 Tonight with Jonathan Ross 5.45 Heno 6.00 Newyddion 6.10 Heno 6.40 Pobol y Cwm 7.00 Hyth Cacwn 7.30 Palu Mlaen 8.00 The Wonder Years 8.30 Newyddion 9.00 Affairs of the Heart 10.00 The Golden Girls 10.30 Without Walls 11.30 Just for Laughs 12.05am Murrow 2.15 Diwedd

RTE 1

Starts: 12.30pm Talkabout 1.00 News 1.40 House and Home 2.05 Perry Mason 3.00 News followed by Lillie 4.00 News followed by Racing and Snooker 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Fair City 7.30 Local Heroes 8.00 Graffiti 8.30 Simply Delicious Fish 9.00 News 9.30 Making History: 1916, Who Fears to Speak? 10.25 Arts Express 10.55 Snooker 11.55 News 12.05am Close

NETWORK 2

Starts: 12.00 Film: Swallows and Amazons 1.30 Bosco 2.00 Sports Special 4.00 The Den 6.25 Home and Away 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Family Pictures 7.30 Glenroe 8.00 News followed by The Streets of San Francisco 9.00 Only Fools and Horses 9.30 News followed by Cop Rock 10.25 A Song for Europe 11.05 News 11.30 Close

RADIO 3

Weather and News Headlines

.00 Morning Concert: Schumann (Fairy Tales, Op 132: Sabine Meyer, clarinet, Tabea Zimmermann, viola, Hartmut Höll, piano); Borodin (Polovtsian Dances, "Prince gor": USSR State Academy SO under Yevgeny Svetlanov)

News

Morning Concert (cont): Berlioz (Love Scene from Romeo and Juliet: New England Conservatory Chorus and Boston SO under Seiji Ozawa), Albéniz (Asturias: John Williams, guitar); Glazunov (Violin Concerto in A minor: RCA SO under Walter Hendl with Jascha Heifetz, violin): Litolff (Scherzo from Concerto symphonique No 4: CBSO under Louis Frémaux with John Ogdon, piano)

Composers of the Week: Mozart (1756-91). Concert aria: No, che non sei capace, K419 Mozarteum Orchestra Salzburg under Leopold Hager with Edith Gruberová, soprano), Piano Concerto No 17 in G, K453 (English Chamber Orchestra under Murray Perahia, piano), String Quintet in C minor, K516b Grumiaux Trio with Arpad Gerecz and Max Lasuer)

Morning Sequence: Poulenc (Aubade: Rotterdam PO under James Conlon, with François-René Duchable, piano); Haydn (Trio No 64 in D: Esterhazy Baryton Trio); Fauré (Sonata No 1 in A, Op 13: Mayumi Fujikawa, violin, Jorge Osorio, piano), Salieri (Triple Concerto in D: Heinz Holliger, oboe, Thomas Demenga, cello, Camerata Bern, Thomas Füri, violins); Hahn (Les Fontaines; A chloris; Quand je fus pris au pavillon. Martyn Hill, tenor, Graham Johnson, piano); Haydn (Trio No 82 in C); Dukas (La Peri. Ulster Orchestra under Yan Pascal Tortelier)

Hallé Orchestra under Rafael Frunbeck de Burgos performs Stravinsky (The Fairy's Kiss) and Mahler (Symphony No 1 in D) (r)

m News 1.05 Matisse Piano Quartet performs Bill Connor (Sonata for piano quartet); Fauré (Piano Quartet No 2) (r)

Music Weekly (r)

New Bach Collegium Musicum of Leipzig, with Burkhard Glaetzner, oboe, Gunnar Kaltofen, violin, Karl Heinz Passin, flute, perform Bach (Concerto in C minor for oboe and violin, BWV 1060; Orchestral Suite No 2 in B minor, BWV 1067); Telemann (Oboe Concerto in B minor); C.P.E. Bach (Symphony in B minor, Wq 182, No 5)

3.55 Barry Douglas at the Summer Music Society of Dorset: Mozart (Piano Sonata in A minor, K310); Berg (Piano Sonata, Op 1); Shostakovich (Preludes and Fugues in D flat, Op 87 No 15 and in D minor, Op 87 No 24); Brahms (Ballade in B, Op 10 No 4; Capriccio in G minor, Op 116 No 3; Intermezzo in E, Op 116 No 4; Capriccio in D minor, Op 116 No 7); Liszt (Après une lecture du Dante (S161 No 7); incl 4.45 interval reading

5.30 Mainly for Pleasure with Janet Alexander

7.00 News 7.05 Third Ear: Australian-born novelist Thomas Keneally talks to Paul Bailey about his latest book *Flying Hero Class*

7.30 London Philharmonic under Klaus Tennstedt performs live from the Festival Hall: Smetana (The Bartered Bride overture), Dvořák (Symphony No 8 in G); Janáček (Sinfonietta), incl 8.15 Chris Stray of University College, Swansea, looks into the origins of *Kennedy's Latin Primer* and to earlier times when following the rules was imperative (r)

9.10 Drama Now: Christianity at Glacier by Nobel prize-winner Halldor Laxness, one of Iceland's leading modern writers. A comic fable about the relevance of Christianity unfolds. Starring Mike Grady, Denys Hawthorne and *Elizabeth Bell. Dramatisation* by Robert Ferguson and translation from the Icelandic by Magnus Magnusson

10.30 Dum Sacrum Mysterium. The BBC Singers under Harry Christophers sing Robert Carver's 10-part mass

11.10 Frank Bridge: The Brindisi String Quartet performs Three Idylls

11.30 News 11.35-12.35am Composers of the Week: Tchaikovsky Piano Trio in A minor, Op 50, Does the Day Reign?, Op 47 No 6: Spring Song, Op 54 No 13: Simple Words, Op 60 No 12 (r)

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News; Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today; incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00; 8.30 News; 6.55, 7.55 Weather

8.43 *Serial Reading: "Country Tales". An adaptation by* David Bean of H.E. Bates's "And No Birds Sing", read by the author (s) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News

9.05 The Moral Maze (new series). Michael Buerk chairs a live investigation into questions of morality raised by the week's news stories (s)

9.45 Ottoman Adventure: Eight-part story about novelist Joseph Hone's travels in Turkey (r)

10.00 News; Medicine Now

10.30 Morning Story "Sorry Miss Crouch" by Dannie Abse

10.45 Daily Service (s) 11.00 News; Citizens

11.25 From Our Own Correspondent

11.50 Great Life Journeys: Stephen Wells gets a builder's eye view of the capital 12.00 News; You and Yours

12.25pm The Best of *My Word!* (r): 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One

1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast

2.00 News; Woman's Hour

3.00 Thirty-Minute Theatre: A Selection of Ordinary Household Sounds by Steve May (s)

3.32 Richard Baker Compares Notes with operatic couple Norman Bailey and Kristine Ciesinski (s) 4.00 News

4.05 Age to Age: John Miller talks to Denis Healey, MP, about the Marshall Plan, a US economic $18 billion aid package, which helped to rebuild Europe after the second world war

4.30 Kaleidoscope Gill Pyrah *discusses the novel that* sparked a wave of ecological anxiety across the USA — *The Monkey Wrench Gang*. Plus ballerina Suzanne Farrell discusses her career and fight against illness

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 News; including Financial Report

6.30 The Secret Life of Rosewood Avenue: Final part of Stephen Sheridan's six-part comedy, "The Resurrection of Reverend Carswell" (s)

7.00 News 7.05 The Archers

7.20 File on 4: Reports on issues, both home and abroad

8.00 Science Now: A special from Central America on the problems of the tropical dry forest (r)

8.30 Famous for 15 Minutes (new series): Jenni Mills talks to John Knight, the "superdad" of Bodmin Moor

8.45 In Touch:

● CHOICE: The big mistake that sighted listeners make is to assume that this series for the visually handicapped won't interest them. You won't find more convincing proof of the non-exclusivity of *In Touch* than tonight's survey of the exciting possibilities that new technology offers to talking newspapers. They include *The Times* delivered in synthetic speech via home computers. Other digital newspapers are already available in Sweden. News International has done some pioneering work on electronic newspapers in Hongkong, using the facilities of the *South China Morning Post* to print and deliver the world's first braille daily newspaper

9.15 Kaleidoscope (r)

9.45 The Financial World Tonight (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 World Tonight (s)

10.45 A Book at Bedtime: "Journal of a Disappointed Man". Jeremy Nicholas reads from W.N.P. Barbellion's best seller (s)

11.00 The Radio Programme (r)

11.30 An Inland Donkey "War and Peace" David Bean takes Robert Louis Stevenson as his guide to the waterways of Northern France and across the Massif Central. Second of four talks

11.45 Soldiers and Innocents Ioan Meredith reads the second of an eight-part adaptation of Russell Selwyn Jones's story

12.00 News 12.20am Weather followed by interlude 12.33 Shipping Forecast 12.44 Close

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1089kHz/275m; FM-97 6-99.8 Radio 2: FM-88-90.2 Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4 Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m; FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m, 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9, Melody FM 104.9.

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. 6.00am The DJ Kat Show 8.35 Mrs Pepperpot 8.45 Panel Pot Pourri 10.00 Here's Lucy 10.30 The Young Doctors 11.00 The Bold and the Beautiful 11.30 The Young and the Restless 12.30pm Sale of the Century 1.00 True Confessions 1.30 Another World 2.20 Santa Barbara 2.45 Wife of the Week 3.15 Bewitched 3.45 The DJ Kat Show 5.00 Punky Brewster 5.30 McHale's Navy 6.00 Family Ties 6.30 Sale of *the Century 7.00 Love at First Sight* 7.30 Doctor, Doctor 8.00 Shogun — part 3 10.00 Love at First Sight 10.30 Werewolf 11.00 Police Story 12.00 Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 9.30 Newsline 10.30 Beyond 2000 11.00 International Business Report 11.30 Dayline 12.30pm NBC Today, part 1 1.30 NBC Today part 2 2.30 CBS News, part 1 3.30 CBS News, part 2 4.30 Beyond 2000 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline 8.30 Target 10.30 Newsline 11.30 NBC Nightly 12.30am CBS News 1 30 NBC Nightly 2.30 CBS News 3.30 NBC Nightly 4.30 Target

SKY MOVIES

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Showcase
10.00 Eagle's Wing (1979) British made multi-plot Western about a confrontation between a renegade Indian and a trapper
12.00 You Can't Have Everything (1937) Musical comedy focusing on the life of a female playwright
2.00pm Delta Fever (1987): While holidaying in northern California, a young man is reluctantly involved in a waterskiing contest
4.00 Yogi Bear and the Invasion of the Space Bears. Animated action fun
6.00 How to Marry a Millionaire (1953): Lauren Bacall, Marilyn Monroe and Betty Grable star in this sparkling comedy
7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Paperhouse (1989): Chilling psychological thriller about the fantasies of a bedridden girl, caught in a world from which she cannot escape. Stars Charlotte Burke and Elliott Spiers
10.00 Dangerous Games (1987): A psychotic cop, dismissed from duty, goes on a crazed rampage in a shopping mall. Starring *Miles Buchanan and Marcus Graham*
11.45 Circleman (1987) Hard-hitting action when an ex-boxer is forced back into the ring
1.10am Piranha Women (1988) A famous anthropologist leads an expedition in search of a long-lost scientist and comes across a secret tribe
2.40 Every Home Should Have One (1970) Sex farce. Stars Marty Feldman and Shelley Berman
4.15 Something Is Out There — Part Two (1988) Sci-fi thriller Jack (Joe Cortese) is investigating a series of motiveless murders when he comes across an extraterrestrial connection. Ends at 5.45am

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am International Business Report 5.30 European Business Today 6.00 The DJ Kat Show 7.30 Eurobics 8.00 Alpine World Cup Skiing 9.00 Ski-Jumping World Cup Final 9.30 International Motorsport 10.30 Eurobics 11.00 Football — History of Soccer 12.00 Ski-Jumping Final from Strbske Pleso 12.30pm Rally Challenge 1.00 Men's European Cup Basketball 2.00 Estoril Open Tennis 5.00 Criterium International Cycling 6.00 Spanish Goals 6.30 Eurosport News 7.00 Motorsport — German Touring Cars 8.00 WWF Wrestling 9.00 World Championship Ice Hockey 11.00 Eurosport News *11.30 Estoril Open Tennis*

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite
7.00am Sport de France 7 30 Mobil 1 Rally Challenge 8.00 Spain Spain Sport 8 15 Spanish Football Highlights 8.45 Ten Pin Bowling 10.00 Stop — USWA Wrestling 11.00 NBA Basketball 1.00pm World Soccer Classics 3.00 Sport de France 3.30 Fight Night at the Forum 5.00 Stop — Skate America 6.00 Update, US Pro Ski Tour Slalom 6.45 Ten Pin Bowling 8.00 British Open Rally Championships 8.30 Motor Sport F3 9.00 Major League Baseball 10.00 Powersports International 11.00 World Snooker Classics

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
10.00am The Great American Gameshows 11.15 Coffee Break 11.20 Everyday Workout 11.50 Slim Cooking 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael 1.05 Body Talk 1 10 Search for Tomorrow *1.35 The Edge of Night 2.00* Divorce Court 2.25 Lifestyle Plus 2.35 Monty Nash 3.05 Remington Steele 3.55 Tea Break 4.05 Doc 4.35 The Great American Gameshows 6.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Satellite Jukebox

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite.
2.50pm The Castle of Fu Manchu (1968, b/w) Christopher Lee stars as the fiendish Chinaman, hell bent on world domination
4.20 Walk in the Spring Rain (1970) Ingrid Bergman plays the bored wife of a college lecturer who has an extra-marital fling
6.00 Oklahoma Crude (1973). A single woman fights offs ruthless predatory business tycoon. Stars Faye Dunaway and George C Scott
8.00 Coming to America (1988). Hilarious culture-shock comedy starring Eddie Murphy as a pampered African prince
10.00 Steaming (1985): Adaptation of the Nell Dunn stage play that follows the *conversations of an ensemble of women at* a steam bath. Stars Vanessa Redgrave and Sarah Miles
11.35 Band of the Hand (1986) A gang of delinquents are coached by a Vietnam vet and subsequently go on a vigilante rampage in an attempt to rub out the Miami drug dealing fraternity
1.25 The Devil's Brigade (1968) William Holden and Cliff Robertson star in this second world war adventure. Ends at 3.45am

THE SPORTS CHANNEL

● Via the Marcopolo satellite
2.00pm Italian Football 4.00 Superbouts 5.00 Motorsport Extra 6.00 American Sports Cavalcade 7 00 Super Cross 8.00 Boxing 10.00 *Motorcycling Grand Prix of Japan* 12.00 Boxing

THE POWER STATION

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7.00am Twenty-one hours of rock and pop

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW 5.00am Gary King 6.30 Philip Schofield 9.00 Simon Bates 12.30pm Newsbeat 12.45 Gary Davies 3.00 Steve Wright 5.30 News 91 6.00 Mark Goodier's Evening Session 9.00 Soul by the Sea. Motown's soul and dance artists meet the best of Jamaica's reggae acts 10.00 Nicky Campbell 12.00 Bob Harris 2.00 Close

RADIO 2

6.00am Ken Bruce 7.30 Derek Jameson 9.30 Katie Boyle 11.00 Jimmy Young 1 05pm David Jacobs 2.00 Gloria Hunniford 4.00 Brian Matthew 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 At Home With Hinge and Bracket 7.30 Steve Race 9.00 Leading Ladies Vanessa Lee looks at the life and career of American dancer Dorothy Dickson 10.00 Chris Stuart 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Night Ride 3.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service. News and 24 Hours 6.30 Morning Edition with Jon Briggs, incl News and Sport at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 9.00 Take Five Games, quizzes and competitions with Andy Crane 10.25 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 10.45 Sound Advice 12.30pm Brooklands 1.00 News & Sport 1.05 As Radio 3 2.00 News & Sport 2.05 1,2,3,4,5 for toddlers 2.30 World Service Health Matters 2.45 Europe's World 3.00 News & Sport 3.05 Outlook 3.30 The World of Books 4.00 News & Sport 4.05 Tampering With the Past 4.35 Five Aside with Sue McGarry and Julian Worricker 7.20 The BFG. Michael Hordern reads from Kathleen Hutchinson's adaptation of Roald Dahl's book 7.35 Penelope's Pendant By Douglas Hill 8.00 The Answerphone 9.30 Sporting Albums 10.00 News & Sport 10.10 Hit the North. Youth magazine live from Manchester, incl Sport at 11.00 12.00 Sport 12.10am Close

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST 5.00am Morgenmagazin 5.30 The World Today 5.45 News headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.09 24 hours 6.30 Londres Matin. News in French 6.58 Weather 7 00 Newsdesk 7.30 Counterpoint 8.00 News 8.09 Twenty four hours. News Summary and Financial News 8.30 News ideas 8.50 Cue for Song. George Harrison 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9 15 Concert Hall 10.00 News 10.09 World Business Report 10 15 They Made Our World: John Logie Baird 10.25 Words 10.30 Europe's World 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.00 News Summary 11 01 Discovery 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11 59 Travel News 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Megamix 1.00 News 1 09 News about Britain 1 15 Multitrack 1 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook Live 3.30 Off the shelf: Utopia 3.45 On the Record 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 The World Today 6 15 BBC English 6.29 News summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7 00 German features 7 54 News in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Report 8.15 Londres Dernier. News in French 8.30 Development 91 9.00 News 9.08 The World Today 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.05 Business Matters 11.20 Megamix 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Report 12.15 Concert Hall 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 Omnibus 2.00 World News 2.30 Mediawatch 2.45 Country Style 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Development 91 4.00 Newsdesk 4.15 Discovery 4.45 News and Press review in German

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Petrol 'still cheap' after 5.5p rise

By KEVIN EASON
MOTORING CORRESPONDENT

PETROL prices rose for the second time in two weeks yesterday when BP and other oil companies added 5.5p a gallon (1.2p a litre) to take the price of a gallon of four-star leaded to 227.4p, the highest level since November. Unleaded petrol will cost 211p a gallon (46.4p a litre) from today on BP forecourts.

Motorists, who face increased fuel bills of £50 on average this year, are learning to live with the volatile price rises and falls which have bedevilled the market since last summer.

Last night, oil companies released figures to show that petrol in real terms is still as cheap as at any time in the last 30 years. Economists at Shell say that the average worker in 1964 would need just over 30 minutes' pay to buy a gallon of four-star. Last year, that earning time had fallen to just over 15 minutes.

Shell says that of every £2 worth of petrol sold, £1.28 goes to the Treasury in tax adding up to an average annual payment by the motorist of about £420 into government coffers through fuel bills.

In spite of the huge taxation levy in the shape of Treasury duty and value-added tax, increased to 17.5 per cent yesterday, petrol on sale in Britain is also cheap in comparison with other European nations.

The AA's monthly check on prices in the rest of the European Community put Britain in tenth place out of 12 nations in the middle of March, shortly before the Budget when the Chancellor raised prices by 4p a litre (18p a gallon) on four-star and 3p a litre (13p a gallon) on unleaded petrol.

The Budget duty increase plus the VAT increases have pushed Britain back up the price league table, although pump prices here are still much lower than in Italy where a litre of unleaded petrol is 69.4p (315p a gallon).

Today's prices are some way behind the record achieved in October when oil spot markets were jittery about the outcome of the Gulf war, forcing four-star to 240p for the first time. Shell said yesterday that petrol was still "a remarkably cheap product".

Car tax threat, page 5

JULIAN HERBERT

Anxious watcher: "The river's in bad shape," says Mick Lunn, a former head keeper, as he observes the swift-flowing Test near Stockbridge

Alarm on futur of trout rivers

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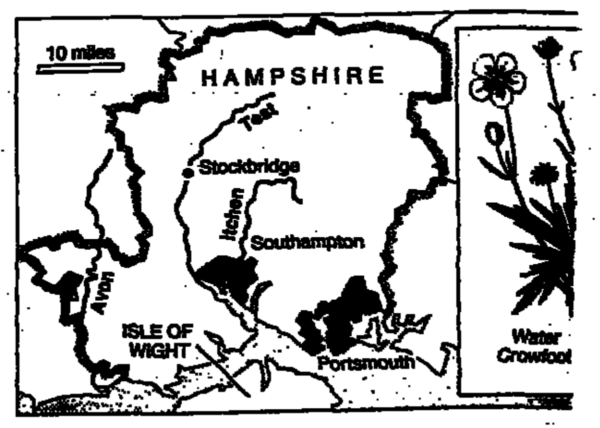
that the pure water from the chalk aquifers, or water-bearing strata, which gives the chalk streams their crystal quality, is too attractive to water companies, which are taking more out than the rivers can bear. The problem is being compounded by the low rainfall of three successive dry winters

The difficulties have surfaced just as the National Rivers Authority is sketching the outlines of a national water resources strategy: last week it published the first forecast of water demand and supply over the next 20 years for the 37 private water companies in England and Wales, which showed supply exceeding demand in total, but serious shortages in areas such as the south and east. The authority has been grappling with the problem of overabstraction of drinking water causing low flows in rivers for more than a year, and is likely to reveal its for action within two w They may involve the re tion of the abstraction lic of some water companie

Already, however, a ber of the smaller streams, such as the Dar Kent or the Pang in Berk have dried up in parts the threat to the large famous rivers in Hamp Wiltshire and Dorset has set alarm bells ringin

The acknowledged que them all is the Test in H shire, and its most figure, Mick Lunn, years until his retirem February head keeper Houghton Club Stockbridge, said it was as it had ever been for the of year.

The river is virtually of waterweed, espe ranunculus or water cros which keeps the leve filters the water and pr shelter for the rich ins which supports the trout



Hampshire rivers and the vanishing water crowf

Family four die in holiday crash

By ROBIN YOUNG

THREE women and a girl aged nine, three generations of one family, died in a car crash yesterday while on a bank holiday outing in Oxfordshire.

The family, from Bournemouth, Dorset, were passengers in a Maestro car being driven towards Oxford on the A420 by the girl's father. The car apparently swerved to avoid one oncoming vehicle but was rammed by another.

Firemen cut the victims from the wreckage. The girl, trapped in the back seat of the car, was still alive when cut free but died minutes later in an ambulance at the roadside. The three other victims, her mother, grandmother, and a great-aunt, were all certified dead in the vehicle.

The Maestro's driver, who lost his wife, mother, aunt and step-daughter in the collision, was in the John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford, last night with an injured back and in a state of "very deep shock". Thames Valley police named the dead girl as Jane Louise Thomas and her mother as Mavis Anne Pengelly, aged 38. The other victims were the girl's grandmother, Emily Oxford, aged 73, of Southbourne, Dorset, and Joyce McQuire, aged 63, of Redbridge, north-east London.

The family were on their way to have lunch when the accident happened at about 12.15 pm at Littleworth near Faringdon. Two other other people, who were in a Cortina estate car involved in the crash, were also taken to the John Radcliffe hospital. They were a man who had a back injury, and a woman with chest, leg and facial injuries. The driver of a Renault car which struck the Maestro and ended up across the road escaped without injury.

The road was closed in both directions and diversions set up while police cleared the wreckage. Superintendent Peter Hilton said that an investigation into the accident was under way. "We have to prepare a report for the coroner, and we also have a duty to find out what happened, on behalf of the four people who died," he said.

Another holiday accident, in which a horse died, caused four-mile tailbacks between junctions 11 and 12 on the northbound carriageway of the M1 in Bedfordshire yesterday morning. Police spent nearly two hours clearing away debris from the crash.

Last night traffic returning home after the holiday caused 20-mile tailbacks on the M4 in Gwent, Wales, on the east-bound approach to the Severn Bridge. All west-bound lanes on the bridge were closed for almost an hour after a gust of wind flipped a caravan over.

On the M5 near Bristol vehicles coming from Devon and Cornwall clogged the motorway. Roadworks at the Huntworth viaduct near junction 24 had closed one north-bound lane exacerbating delays.

The wreckage of the car in which three women and a child were killed yesterday

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Kurds flee fron Iraqi vengeanc

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they were Izzat Ibrahim, the deputy commander of the Iraqi armed forces, Saddam's cousin, Ali Hassan al-Majid, the hardline interior minister, and the president's son-in-law, Hussein Kamel Hassan, the industry minister.

American military police are to begin patrolling the streets of the beleaguered farm town of Safwan in southern Iraq, dragging the United States deeper into the administration of occupied Iraqi territory where they already feed and shelter thousands of refugees. The measure was approved on Sunday at a meeting of the village mayor and US army officials, according to a Safwan community leader and military sources.

Dusty and dilapidated, Safwan lies just over the border from Kuwait and has lately received a stream of refugees desperate to escape unrest in southern Ira Shia insurgents have with forces loyal to Sac

Military police will the streets day and authorised to detain s and to hand them over t military tribunal, saic Sergeant Eddie Karakas 3rd Armoured Divisior attended Sunday's mee

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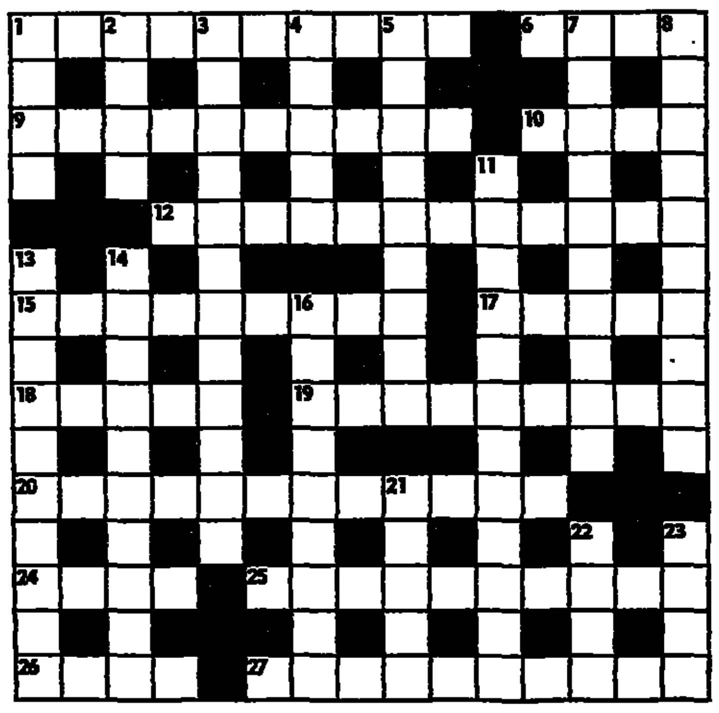
THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,569



ACROSS

1 She might appear in dresses cut improperly (10).
6 Removed a king of Mercia (4).
9 Making the best of work, boy and I celebrate (10).
10 Such a strike shouldn't be beneath one (4).
12 Head of organization creates procedural rule (5,2,5).
15 River Amazon? (9).
17 Fine score has some maestri applauding (5).
18 He's stupidly taking a bishop back in place of queen (5).
19 Special bus for a road that takes one to beach (4-5).
20 Financial support city gives village (12).
24 Decamp in two sections after this officer, to be more precise (4).
25 Knew Labour reform could be impractical (10).
26 Satisfied with love? Not her! (4).
27 Produce copper with splendid treatment plant (10).

DOWN

1 Result of poor reception on TV for author (4).
2 Little girl's wedding presents (4).
3 Ordinary substance found in our old Republic (12).
4 Turpentine extract almost turning red (5).
5 Surmount unhappy experience with daily drink (9).
7 Irish composer given hearing test, in practice (5,5).
8 Redraft was revised later (10).
11 Villain gets audience to wave (12).
13 Force to stop running (10).
14 Blank cheque given to editor? How generous! (4-6).
16 Accident confused mechanics (9).
21 Deprived of coat, son gets cape (5).
22 Do what's required sombrely? Nothing odd there (4).
23 Political leader put in the tower (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,568

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

ANGUSTATE
a. Evening kilt and jabot
b. *Angus sheriff's court*
c. Narrowed, as in eyes

DISCOMFIT
a. To make uncomfortable
b. A bitter pill
c. To defeat utterly

HASENPFEFFER
a. Rabbit stew
b. Green pepper
c. A Hanseatic burgess

NATATORIUM
a. A swimming pool
b. A register of births
c. A nursing home

Answers on page 18, column 1

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M25 London Orbital only	736

National

National motorways	737
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North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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WEATHER

It will be windy in all areas. England and Wales will start with rain, which will be heavy at times in the North-West. The heavier rain will spread to the rest of England during the day with clearer weather following in northern and central parts. Scotland and Northern Ireland will become bright with showers, which will be heaviest and most frequent in western and northern areas. Outlook: Changeable with rain.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	15	59	s	Majorca	18	64	s
Akrotiri	20	68	s	Malaga	17	63	s
Alex'dria	24	75	s	Malta	15	59	f
Algiers	14	57	c	Melb'rne	16	61	c
Amst'dm	11	52	f	Miami*	31	88	f
Athens	13	55	c	Milan	14	57	s
Bahrain	30	86	s	Montreal*	4	39	s
Barbads*	29	84	f	Moscow	3	37	f
Barcelna	16	61	s	Munich	12	54	s
Belgrade	10	50	c	Nairobi	27	81	f
Berlin	7	45	r	Naples	15	59	f
Bermuda*	23	73	s	N Delhi	35	95	s
Biarritz	12	54	f	N York*	6	43	s
Borde'x	15	59	s	Nice	15	59	c
Brussels	15	59	s	Oslo	8	46	f
Budapst	7	45	c	Paris	15	59	s
B Aires*	23	73	c	Peking	14	57	s
Cairo	32	90	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cape Tn	24	75	s	Prague	10	50	f
C'blanca	18	64	c	Reykjavik	2	36	f
Chicago*	10	50	f	Rhodes	17	63	c
Ch'church	16	61	c	Rio de J	30	86	s
Cologne	13	55	c	Riyadh	31	88	s
C'phagn	9	48	c	Rome	15	59	s
Corfu	12	54	r	Salzburg	13	55	s
Dublin	11	52	r	S F'risco*	14	57	c
Dubrovnik	15	59	s	Santiago*	27	81	s
Faro	17	63	s	S Paulo*	24	75	c
Florence	16	61	s	Seoul	7	45	s
Frankfurt	12	54	f	Sing'por	27	81	r
Funchal	17	63	c	St'kholm	9	48	s
Geneva	12	54	s	Strasb'rg	14	57	s
Gibraltar	16	61	f	Sydney	27	81	s
Helsinki	2	36	c	Tangier	17	63	s
Hong K	15	59	f	Tel Aviv	23	73	s
Innsbrck	13	55	s	Tenerife	19	66	f
Istanbul	7	45	c	Tokyo	6	43	r
Jeddah	35	95	s	Toronto*	4	39	c
Jo'burg*	22	72	f	Tunis	16	61	f
Karachi	32	90	f	Valencia	19	66	s
L Palmas	20	68	s	Vanc'ver*	11	52	f
Le Tquet	11	52	c	Venice	14	57	s
Lisbon	16	61	s	Vienna	10	50	s
Locarno	14	57	c	Warsaw	8	46	f
L Angels*	14	57	c	Wash'ton*	10	50	s
Luxembg	12	54	s	Wel'nton	19	66	f
Luxor	37	99	s	Zurich	12	54	s
Madrid	14	57	s				

* denotes figures are latest available

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.325	2.175
Austria Sch	21.70	20.30
Belgium Fr	64.05	60.05
Canada $	2.125	1.975
Denmark Kr	11.91	11.21
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.49	9.84
Germany Dm	3.10	2.90
Greece Dr	335	315
Hong Kong $	14.15	13.15
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.09
Italy Lira	2315	2175
Japan Yen	259	242
Netherlands Gld	3.485	3.285
Norway Kr	12.05	11.35
Portugal Esc	270.25	254.25
South Africa Rd	5.35	4.85
Spain Pta	192	179
Sweden Kr	11.19	10.51
Switzerland Fr	2.64	2.47
Turkey Lira	6850	6150
USA $	1.825	1.705
Yugoslavia Dnr	38.00	26.00

Rates for small denomination bank only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 11C (52F); min 6pm to 6am, 7C (45F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.7 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	0.1	.03	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	0.7	-	10	50	cloudy
Aviemore	0.7	-	13	55	cloudy
Belfast	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Birmingham	0.2	-	14	57	bright
Blackpool	0.1	.01	9	48	drizzle
Bognor Regis	4.8	-	13	55	bright
Bournemouth	7.0	-	15	59	sunny
Brighton	2.9	-	14	57	bright
Bristol	5.0	-	15	59	bright
Cardiff	4.7	-	12	54	fog
Clacton	1.6	-	15	59	cloudy
Douglas	-	-	13	55	cloudy
Edinburgh	-	-	12	54	dull
Eskdalemuir	-	.02	11	52	drizzle
Falmouth	9.5	-			sunny
Jersey	5.2	-	15	59	bright
Kinloss	0.6	-	13	55	cloudy
Leeds	-	.09	11	52	rain
Lerwick	1.2	.17	10	50	rain
Nottingham	-	.01	11	52	rain
Penzance	9.1	-	16	61	sunny
Plymouth	10.2	-			sunny
Poole	7.4	-	17	63	sunny
Scarborough	2.1	-	14	57	cloudy
Scilly Isles	6.4	-	11	52	fog
Shanklin	4.4	-	15	59	sunny
Southend	2.7	-	14	57	cloudy
Stornoway	-	.22	10	50	rain
Swanage	8.4	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	9.3	-	15	59	sunny
Tenby	1.2	-	13	55	cloudy
Tiree	-	.11	10	50	fog
Weymouth	8.5	-	13	55	sunny
Wick	0.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Worthing	3.8	-	14	57	sunny

These are Sunday's figures

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Poole, Dorset, 17C (63F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, Highland, 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Cape Wrath, Highland, 0.51 in; highest sunshine: Plymouth, 10.2 hrs.

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Grampian & E Highlands	724
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N Ireland	727

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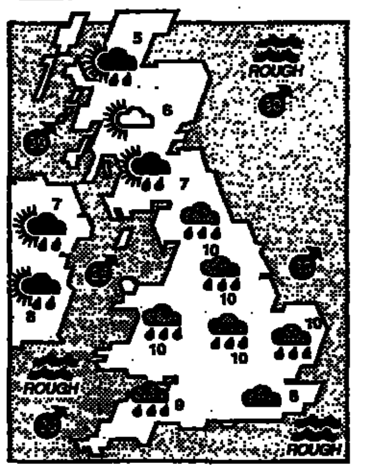
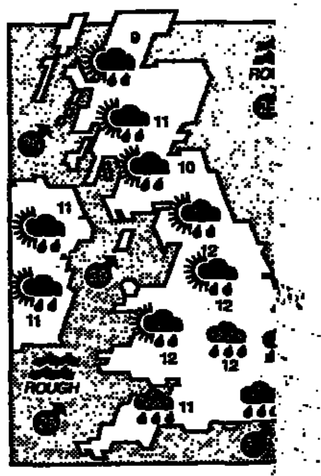




Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	11	52	r	Guernsey	9	48	c
B'rmgham	12	54	f	Inverness	12	54	c
Blackpool	9	48	r	Jersey	10	50	c
Bristol	11	52	c	London	11	52	c
Cardiff	10	50	c	M'nchster	11	52	c
Edinburgh	11	52	r	Newcastle	11	52	r
Glasgow	9	48	r	R'nldsway	9	48	r

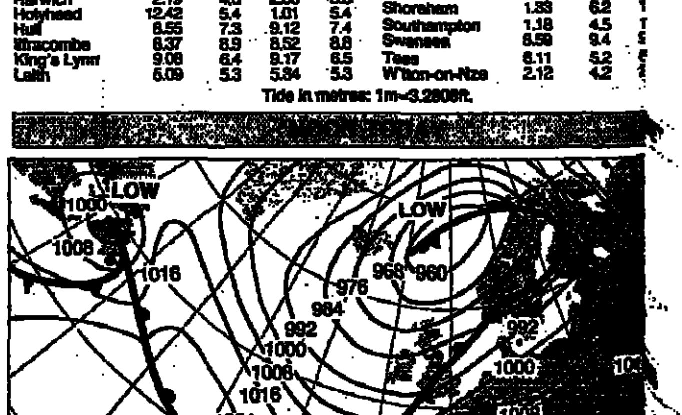
Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 12C (54F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.006 in. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, nil.

London 7.35 pm to 6.23 am
Bristol 7.44 pm to 6.43 am
Edinburgh 7.52 pm to 6.40 am
Manchester 7.45 pm to 6.39 am
Penzance 7.55 pm to 6.56 am

Sun rises: 6.35 am
Moon sets 7.14 am
Last quarter April 7

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT
London Bridge	4.29	7.1	4.49	7.1	Liverpool	1.39	9.2
Aberdeen	3.50	4.0	4.04	4.0	Lowestoft		
Avonmouth	9.53	13.0	10.10	12.8	Margate	2.28	4.7
Belfast	1.32	3.4	1.50	3.5	Milford Haven	8.51	6.8
Cardiff	9.38	12.1	9.55	11.9	Newquay	7.41	6.8
Devonport	8.25	5.4	8.38	5.3	Oban	8.04	3.8
Dover	1.29	6.6	1.43	6.4	Penzance	7.26	5.5
Falmouth	1.55	5.2	8.08	5.1	Portland	9.29	2.0
Glasgow	3.23	4.5	3.28	4.6	Portsmouth	2.00	4.8
Harwich	2.19	4.0	2.36	3.8	Shoreham	1.33	6.2
Holyhead	12.42	5.4	1.01	5.4	Southampton	1.18	4.5
Hull	8.55	7.3	9.12	7.4	Swansea	8.59	9.4
Ilfracombe	8.37	8.9	8.52	8.8	Tees	6.11	5.2
King's Lynn	9.08	6.4	9.17	6.5	W'ton-on-Nze	2.12	4.2
Leith	5.09	5.3	5.34	5.3			

Tide in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.



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Business Editor
John Bell

Dollar drops in thin trading

DESPITE further evidence of American economic recovery, the dollar fell sharply in thin trading yesterday. After an overnight slide against the mark in Tokyo, the dollar lost ground against all leading currencies in New York, where it traded at DM1.6840 and Y140.20. The pound retreated to DM2.9660, but dealers were reluctant to draw conclusions about the strength of demand for any currency since most European markets were closed.

The monthly index of the National Association of Purchasing Management, a leading indicator of the state of America's industrial economy, rose to 40.0 last month from 38.5 in February. Wall Street's average forecast for the index had been 39.7.

Although a reading above 44 would have been required to signal an economic rebound, the NAPM said it was encouraged by the rise in its index, which was the second in two months.

The NAPM's price index fell from 41.8 to 38.6, the lowest level since November 1982. The new orders index rose to 41.5 per cent from 38.3 per cent, while the export index increased sharply to 58.5 from 52.0, its highest since last April. The imports index rose slightly, to 47.0 from 46.0.

THF considers name change

TRUSTHOUSE Forte confirmed that it was considering changing its name to Forte plc, after a decision to rebrand hotels in Britain and overseas.

Lord Forte, chairman, and his son Rocco, chief executive, ordered a review of the parent company's title as well as the names of its chains of hotels, which include Travelodge, Crest, Post House, Thriftlodge and Exclusive Hotels.

Although a distinction between categories of hotels will be maintained, all new titles are likely to incorporate the Forte title.

ETU dealings to begin

DEALINGS begin today in Eurotunnel traded options on the London Traded Options Market. SG Warburg, Hoare Govett and Smith New Court are registered market-makers.

The options will trade as ETU and each contract will represent options on 1,000 ordinary 40p shares. The initial trading months will be June, September and December. No clearing or exercise fee will be charged by the LTOM in the first four days of trading.

NatWest move

NATIONAL Westminster Bank is to consolidate its international private banking activities under the name Coutts & Co, which will include the eponymous bank in London, plus NatWest International Trust Corporation in Nassau, Bahamas, and Handelsbank NatWest in Zurich.

Greenacre buy

GREENACRE Group, the nursing home operator that formerly traded as Brewmaker, is paying £1.075 million cash for Elm Grove nursing home in Cirencester, Gloucestershire. Greenacre acquired Barrington Lodge in Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, for £600,000 this year. The purchases follow a £7.5 million rights issue.

THE POUND

US dollar
1.7600 (New York)†
Exchange index
92.4 (+0.2)*

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1953.9 (−12.0)*
FT-SE 100
2456.5 (−8.1)*
New York Dow Jones
2892.33 (−21.53)†

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.7365*	£: $1.7600†
£: DM2.9660*	$: DM1.6840†
£: SwFr2.5288*	$: SwFr1.4368†
£: FFr10.0492*	$: FFr5.7083†
£: Yen244.50*	$: Yen140.20†
£: Index:92.4*	$: Index:66.3*
ECU £0.691945*	SDR £0.770741*
£: ECU1.445201*	£: SDR1.297452*

* Denotes Thursday close
† Denotes Latest price

RETAIL PRICES

RPI: 130.9 February (1985=100)

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Industry price rise forecasts at record low

By Philip Bassett, Industrial Editor

FEWER British manufacturing companies expect to raise their prices in the next four months than at any time in the past 16 years, the Confederation of British Industry reports in its latest industrial trends survey.

The results of the monthly survey will bolster government confidence that underlying inflation will continue to fall.

The CBI's own economic forecasts predict an end to the recession later this year, with retail price inflation falling to 3.9 per cent next year, though underlying inflation might still be about 5.7 per cent.

Only 18 per cent of companies expect to be able to increase domestic prices over the next four months, down from 22 per cent in February. Sixty-seven per cent plan to keep prices unchanged, while 14 per cent say they will reduce them. The 4 per cent balance — the difference between those planning to increase prices and those reduce them — is the lowest since the start of the survey in 1975.

The CBI also sees signs that the worst of the recession could be over.

Orders were slightly less weak in March than in February, which the CBI says suggests that the rate of decline has stabilised. A negative balance of 52 per cent is slightly better than the 54 per cent in February.

The rate of decline in the volume of output was also less severe in March. Thirty-seven per cent of companies reported output down, and 13 per cent put it as up, a negative 24 per cent balance, compared with a negative 36 per cent in February.

Sir Brian Corby, CBI president, has already said that the worst of the recession may be over, and Sudhir Junankar, deputy economics director, said yesterday: "We are approaching the turning point of economic activity."

The CBI's forecasts take account of the Budget changes and the results of its industrial surveys, and say that the fall in high street consumer demand seems to be ending and the downturn in manufacturing output appears to be slackening.

With the prospect of lower interest rates, inflation will fall to 4.1 per cent by the end of this year. The CBI is predicting base rates of 11 per cent by the end of this year.

Increases in earnings are expected to slow to an average 7.9 per cent by end-1991, moderating further to 7.1 per cent next year.

Because the immediate outlook worsened more quickly than the CBI suggested at the time of its last forecast in November, total output is still likely to be down this year. As domestic demand rises and exports increase at a more rapid rate, however, the CBI is suggesting that that gross domestic product will grow by an average of 2 per cent next year.

Unemployment is set to increase sharply this year, rising to 2.8 million in 1992, despite the prospect of an improvement in economic activity.

In November, the CBI was predicting that unemployment, currently 2 million, would rise to 1.9 million in 1991, and to 2.1 million the following year. Now, the forecast is up to 2.3 million this year and 2.7 million in 1992, driven by what the CBI says will be the generally low level of economic activity.

Output in the first half of 1991 may be nearly 3 per cent lower than the same period of 1990.

Manufacturing investment is expected to fall by 17.2 per cent this year, the largest drop for 10 years, within a sharp fall overall for total fixed investment of 10.8 per cent. Heavy destocking is still expected this year.

The employers' economists suggest that lower oil prices following the end of the Gulf war are providing a favourable international background for exports.

● The value of management buyouts in the first three months of this year was only £270 million, the lowest in five years. A survey by KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the accountant, found only seven buyouts valued at more than £10 million this year, compared with 57 last year.

Post-Budget forecasts for 1991 (% change)

	CBI	Treasury	London Bus Sch	Goldman Sachs	Société Générale	Crédit Suisse
GDP	-1.9	-1.9	-0.8	-1.9	-1.5	-0.7
Inflation*	4.1	4.0	4.5	4.2	5.0	4.0
Current account (£bn)	6.7	6.0	6.2	6.7	10.6	6.0
Private consumption	-0.7	-1.7	0.3	-0.8	0.3	-0.8
Public consumption	NA	1.5	1.1	2.9	2.2	4.0
Investment	-10.8	-9.7	-4.8	-10.2	-7.2	-7.5

*Fourth quarter
NA not available

Business failures at highest levels

By Our Industrial Correspondent

BUSINESS failures in England and Wales increased by more than two-thirds during the first quarter of this year as 7,894 companies folded, according to Dun & Bradstreet, the business information group.

The failure rate was the highest since record keeping began in 1980. In the East Midlands and the Southwest, it was twice as high as a year ago.

Business failures are regarded as an indicator of economic activity lagging behind the business cycle. The sharp increase in failures in the Midlands, and a weaker, but still strong rise further north, suggests that the recession is now hitting hard in all parts of the country.

In the East Midlands, failures rose by 42 per cent over the last quarter of 1990. London and the Southeast had the highest rate of business failures and accounted for 43 per cent of the total for England and Wales. But the 38.9 per cent year-on-year rate of increase in the capital, where 1,514 businesses closed, was the lowest of any region.

In the rest of the Southeast, 1,879 businesses ceased trading, up 79.5 per cent over the first quarter of 1990. The eastern region saw 388 business failures, up 79.6 per cent and in the Southwest 1,085 were lost, up 102 per cent. The East Midlands recorded 459 failures, up 130.7 per cent; and the West Midlands had 631, up 84 per cent.

In the Northeast there were 751 failures, up 55.5 per cent; in the North West there were 841, also up 55.5 per cent, and in Wales 346 businesses went under, up 51.1 per cent.

Arab Banking loses $91m

By Ross Tieman

ARAB Banking Corporation, the biggest Arab international bank and the first to offer its shares to Western investors, made a net loss of $91 million during 1990.

Abdulla Saudi, president and chief executive, blamed Iraq's invasion of Kuwait last August, deepening recession in the industrial world and debt problems in developing countries for the result.

ABC International Bank, ABC's European arm, opens in London today with authorised capital of £300 million, of which £150 million will be paid up. Although ABC is based in Bahrain, and has only 17 per cent of its assets in the Gulf states, it suffered withdrawals of $1.4 billion, more than 10 per cent of its deposits, when hostilities developed. Mr Saudi was able to dissuade the Americans from freezing the bank's assets, although the Kuwaiti government owns 25 per cent of the shares.

ABC had a good first half, Mr Saudi said, but once hostilities began, the company had to forgo expansion plans and adopt "policies and measures to protect shareholders' funds as well as to be able to meet all our obligations and commitments".

The bank set aside $179 million in loan loss provisions in 1990, bringing total cover against non-performing loans to $846 million, or 7.5 per cent. Total income for the year rose 9.7 per cent to a record $555 million.

Abu Dhabi and Libya also each hold 25 per cent stakes in ABC, but last year made a $350 million international offer of new shares, equal to a quarter of its equity.

Dixons computes small firm needs

Switching on to the requirements of smaller businesses: Rupert Gavin, group commercial director at Dixons

DIXONS, the cameras to computers retail chain, is expanding its network of business centres to tap what appears to be one of the few promising markets remaining in the high street (Derek Harris writes).

Small to medium-sized businesses in search of a computerisation solution to their organisational problems are Dixons' target customers.

Rupert Gavin, group commercial director at Dixons, said bigger businesses buying in greater volume dealt directly with computer manufacturers or specialists, but smaller companies were unable to.

Dixons' business centres began modestly, typically taking up about a fifth of the average shop. Mr Gavin originally expected to set up 80 business centres by the beginning of this year. However, sales of business aids, such as computers and fax machines, was found to add 10 per cent on average to a branch's sales.

In the past 12 months, year on year growth in business products at Dixons' shops have been up 30 per cent.

The sales uplift led to the rate of establishing centres being stepped up. There are now 114, with another 20 in the pipeline.

Mr Gavin said: "We could well have 160 open within a year to 18 months."

Dixons believes it leads the electronic goods chains in catering in this way for the smaller business. With their modest size as customers, they have some of the characteristics of an individual purchaser while sharing, to an extent, the sort of needs familiar among long-time bigger business users of computer products.

Mr Gavin said: "We have had a learning curve. At first we didn't get the software right.

"Now we match up computers, printers and software to supply packages for specific uses — for instance word processing or financial spreadsheets or desk top publishing. It means we can address more precisely the needs of the individual business."

Dixons also has specially trained business centre staff.

Telephone helplines offer advice on buying computers and on-site service is usually provided within 24 hours. Mr Gavin said that an element in the business centre sales was gaining more market share, but much was new custom where computers and software are being bought in for the first time.

A boost is also expected from price markdowns by many manufacturers. Hardware price cuts of 15 per cent to 20 per cent are being made to stimulate sales during the recession.

One laptop computer, which Dixons has been selling at just less than £1,700, has been marked down by £500.

Mr Gavin said: "I believe the really big breakthrough for sales will be when machines in that sort of bracket routinely drop below £1,000 and this seems likely to happen by the autumn."

Gulf war hits Tokyo reserves

From Reuter in Tokyo

JAPAN has plundered its foreign exchange reserves to meet the huge contribution it agreed to pay to defray the military costs of the allied fighting in the Gulf.

In March, Japan's reserves plunged by a monthly record of $8.08 billion to $69.9 billion — their lowest level for four years, despite Japan's heavy trade surpluses.

A foreign ministry spokesman said the Japanese government set aside Y1.17 thousand billion (£4.78 billion) in its budget and transferred that amount into its Gulf Peace Fund in Saudi Arabia on March 13. America received $5.7 billion from the fund by March 23. The Bank of Japan is also thought to have spent about $550 million supporting the ailing yen during March.

Foreign exchange markets had nervously awaited the transfer, fearing that converting Japan's Gulf aid contribution from yen into dollars would send the American currency sharply higher.

Japan is thought to have transferred the aid via a special account at the American Federal Reserve. Such an exchange would be outside foreign exchange markets and would not affect the dollar/yen rate.

●Share prices fell in thin trading on the Tokyo stock exchange. The Nikkei index was down 284.64 points or 1.08 per cent to 26,007.40, with a meagre 300 million shares traded.

Enquiry into Renoir sales

By Ross Tieman

CORPORATE Japan's obsession with collecting impressionist works of art has led to an investigation by Japanese tax authorities into the purchase of two Renoir paintings by Mitsubishi Corporation, one of Japan's most prominent and respected trading houses.

The enquiry is investigating the price paid for the pictures and their provenance. Mitsubishi says it paid two Frenchmen Y3 billion (£12.2 million) for a painting entitled *Woman After Bathing*, and Y600 million for a work called *Woman Reading*.

However, a firm of Tokyo art dealers reported that it sold the pictures on the same day for Y2.12 billion.

Under Japanese tax laws, Mitsubishi is able to claim the cost of the paintings as deductions on its tax return. If it were found that it had paid a lower price than it said, it could be liable to pay tax on the difference.

According to reports from Japan, the tax enquiry found no trace of the Frenchmen at the Swiss addresses they gave — nor any evidence that they had been in Japan on the day of the transaction. Tax authorities in Japan have declined to make any comment on the dispute until their investigation is complete.

Mitsubishi insists the transaction was entirely above board. A spokesman said: "Mitsubishi bought the paintings from real persons."

Hotel with a touch of Armani

By Jon Ashworth

THE finest marble money can buy, television sets that float on magnets and a coffee machine that cost £10,000. These are the ingredients of The Halkin, possibly the most exclusive privately owned hotel in London, which opens today.

Tucked away in a neat corner of Belgravia, near the embassies, and just over the road from Buckingham Palace, The Halkin has been built in three and a half years, has only 41 rooms, and has followed the exacting standards of the Grosvenor Estate to the letter.

The hotel is the latest feather in the designer caps of Ong Beng Seng, the reclusive Singaporean entrepreneur and his wife, Christina, who between them run KUO International Group, a financial trading empire, which takes in everything from oil to Haagen-Daz ice cream.

Mr Ong, known as "BS", gave his wife a free hand in the project. The result is an impressive property and a price tag of £25 million, 40 per cent of it in bank borrowings, and the remaining £15 million paid in cash from the KUO reserves.

If the staff appear superbly dressed, do not be surprised. Mrs Ong is a close friend of Bruce Oldfield, one of the Princess of Wales' favourite designers, and Giorgio Armani, the fashion king, who has designed the hotel's uniforms.

KUO Investments, well-known in Singapore business circles, is a family business. Mr Ong is managing director of KUO, and Peter Fu, the chairman, is his father-in-law. Many of KUO's worldwide investments are registered in his wife's name. Related companies include Avant Hotels International and Hotel Properties.

Formed in the Fifties to trade in commodities, including rice and paper, the Singapore conglomerate has grown into a worldwide trading empire. It began trading in oil after the 1973 energy troubles, and first dipped its toes in the property market towards the end of the Seventies.

Today, the group has a property portfolio that includes the Four Seasons in Montreal and the 300-room Four Seasons Singapore. The list also features the Singapore Hilton and the equally plush Meridien, and the group has begun laying the foundations for a new condominium on the Singapore waterfront. KUO also holds the local franchise for Haagen-Daz ice cream.

The Halkin is not the group's first project in London but it is the most ambitious. Mr and Mrs Ong hold a 51 per cent stake in the Inn on the Park, and have made their mark on shoppers in Knightsbridge. Mrs Ong's local interests include Emporio Armani, the clothing and luxury goods store on Brompton Road, and Giorgio Armani in Sloane Street.

Rooms at the Halkin, which cost between £140 and £450 a night, each have two telephone lines, three telephones and a personal fax machine.

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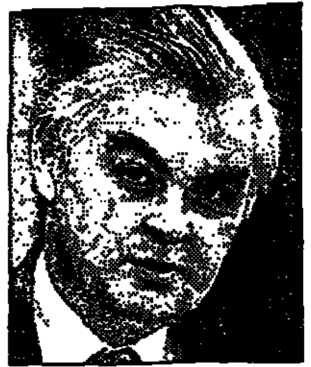
True national debt may be double Treasury estimates

By ANATOLE KALETSKY
ECONOMICS EDITOR



Lamont: pension anomaly

BRITAIN'S national debt may be twice as high as the latest Treasury estimates, revealed by Norman Lamont in his Budget speech, which give the the government's net obligations to the private sector as *£150.6 billion*.

The understatement results from a huge anomaly in the administration of pension funds for teachers and national health workers that has also reduced their take-home pay and led to disguised cuts in true levels of public funding for education and health.

These claims are made in a report published this week by the National Association of Schoolmasters — Union of Women Teachers (NASUWT). The report, based on research by EBS Management, the pension consultant, provides the first detailed information about an archaic funding arrangement for teachers' pensions introduced in 1925. The teachers' pension scheme, instead of being invested in a range of securities, like the local authority pension funds, or being treated as a direct charge on future government revenues, like civil service pensions, has been invested in a notional fund of gilt-edged securities administered by the Treasury.

Because of the disastrous performance of gilt-edged investments, the teachers' notional fund of £26 billion is about £55 billion short of the sum required to pay its index-linked pensions obligations. A similar arrangement for the National Health Service could bring the government's unfunded liabilities to teachers, doctors and nurses to about £150 billion. This would imply that the true national debt *is not 28 per cent of GDP as* stated in official statistics, but well over 50 per cent of GDP, pushing Britain from near the bottom to near the top of the international ranking of debtor governments.

However, the consequences of the pensions funding anomaly go beyond mere accounting, the report argues. Because the unfunded pensions obligation is not officially recognised by the Treasury, taxpayers do not bear the cost of servicing the surplus national debt. The cost falls on teachers and local authorities through a number of disguised charges detailed by the NASUWT.

The pensions contributions paid by teachers *and local* authorities are much higher than they would need to be if the notional funding system were abandoned. The NASUWT report puts this additional cost at 6 per cent of total teaching payrolls, or about £500 million a year.

The report says that local authorities are paying contribution rates for their teachers two or even three times higher than those for other employees. The true levels of educational and local spending are significantly overstated because of this hidden subsidy flowing to the Treasury.

The NASUWT argues that teachers' pension contributions, at 6 per cent of gross salaries, are about one-fifth higher than the normal level for private sector schemes with comparable benefits. Demands for pensions improvements have been rejected because of the lack of resources in the teachers' fund.

The NASUWT proposes that the notional fund be increased to reflect the full value of teachers' benefits for past service. This notional fund should be invested in index-linked gilts and future contributions should be used to create a real pension fund to be invested in a spread of normal securities.

Fabians call for industrial targets

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

FUTURE governments should move away from industrial policies made up of general subsidies and tax incentives and instead target likely industrial growth points, a report from the Fabian Society suggests today.

The left-wing think tank's report cuts against the grain of recent government practice in suggesting close targeting of industrial policy. Though the Labour party, to which the Fabian Society is affiliated, has laid out considerable numbers of policy proposals for industry, many of them have centred upon regional and other initiatives.

The Fabian pamphlet is one of the first attempts on the left to update what was a central plank of Labour government industrial policies — sector-specific support or so-called "picking winners". It attempts *to weld a version of this* strategy with a more market-based approach.

The document, by Paul Gerowski from the London Business School and Kenneth Knight at Warwick University, says that industrial policy has often been confused, with many of the policies flowing only to troubled sectors such as shipbuilding and many of those policies largely designed to slow industrial adjustment rather than to facilitate it.

The authors say subsidies are expensive and inefficient, that they encourage companies to develop lobbying rather than competitive skills and create a "climate of dependency which saps their competitive vigour".

The report suggests that instead of civil servants picking winners, procurement policy is a potent tool that allows the government through its purchasing rather than subsidy to play a large part in stimulating the emergence of sunrise industrial sectors.

The authors say an intelligently-managed procurement policy does not so much pick winners as create them. Allied to that is a need to breathe life into the trade department and to conceive and implement policy as locally as possible.

Policymakers will have to accept the unevenness of economic growth, the Fabian Society pamphlet says, encouraging the clustering of economic activity: "Clusters must be allowed to grow and flower and then they must be allowed to decline and give way to other activities."

Century Oils bid at crucial stage

By OUR CITY STAFF

CENTURY Oils' defence against a £35 million hostile bid from Fuchs, the German lubricants group that owns Silkolene, enters a crucial phase this week. Institutional investors await a profit forecast ahead of Monday's deadline and further details of plans to appoint a new managing director.

The forecast being prepared by SG Warburg, Century's adviser, may force Fuchs to improve its offer of 110p, which is 16p below Thursday's closing price.

Century reported interim profits up from £1.09 million to £1.95 million. Before the bid, analysts had expected full-year profits to recover to the 1989 level of £4 million before tax, compared with £2.91 million in 1990.

Charles Mitchell, chairman, said last week that he would relinquish his dual role as group managing director. Fuchs claims that Mr Mitchell has agreed to step aside in return for the support of M&G, which holds almost 7 per cent and is a campaigner against combining the two main executive roles.

Burmah Castrol has ruled itself out as a white knight but Century is exploring possible joint ventures to develop its European business. Fuchs, which already holds 13.5 per cent of Century, proposed joint ventures but was rejected because of a clash over management styles.

DES JENSON

Fashion conscious: David Witt, director of fashion products, checks the new range

Tootal extends Japan link

By MARTIN BARROW

TOOTAL, heartened by the low level of acceptances for Coats Viyella's £194 million hostile bid, has signed a new licensing agreement with Shinwa Shirt Company of Japan, extending trading links established 20 years ago.

Shinwa, which already distributes £1 million of Tootal's own brand shirts throughout Japan each year, will distribute the company's Ashes range of casual clothing from January 1992. Ashes, launched in 1988, was conceived to give *independent fashion retailers* an easily recognised label to support their battle against Next, which was then expanding quickly.

Despite the sharp downturn in consumer demand, sales rose 70 per cent last year and are expected to rise similarly this year. The Ashes brand is now worth about £3 million a year to Tootal in Britain and the company believes sales in Japan could reach a similar level in two to three years.

Tootal's reconstituted board is stressing the success *of its clothing business* — particularly of contract clothing, which has strong links with Marks and Spencer — to institutional shareholders as it *steps up the campaign to* defeat the second bid from Coats Viyella. The board is anxious to refute Coats' claim that the new directors supported the logic and terms of the original bid, which was endorsed by Geoffrey Maddrell, the former chief executive.

Anthony Habgood, who succeeded Mr Maddrell less than six weeks before Coats launched its second takeover attempt, was previously head of clothing, fabrics and specialist material and has drawn heavily from the clothing businesses to strengthen the board.

Alan Webb was replaced as finance director by David Williams, who headed Tootal's branded clothing division. David Witt, formerly in charge of contract clothing, is the new director of fashion products.

New watchdog starts work

By NEIL BENNETT

THE Securities and Futures Authority, the new regulatory body, is launched today and will hold its first board meeting this afternoon.

The SFA has been created through the merger of The Securities Association and the Association of Futures Brokers and Dealers, which regulated equity and futures markets respectively. The merged body will have an estimated 1,350 members.

Both organisations voted overwhelmingly in favour of the merger last December. The SFA hopes to save £2 million a year by cutbacks.

The SFA is being chaired by Richard Lawson and hopes to publish its rulebook in September, in agreement with the guidelines laid out by the Securities and Investments Board.

John Young, the new chief executive, said: "The rules must be simple and wrongdoing must be eradicated. We are set to prove that self-regulation is efficient and effective."

CAPITAL MARKETS

Amps' benefits tempt issuers to ignore drawback

IN TRUE equity market style, dealers took fright at last week's news that Rank Organisation is to redeem all $200 million of its outstanding auction market preferred stock (Amps) after a downgrading.

BET, the British pioneer of Amps, with the biggest exposure of any British company to the market, was marked down 6p to 167p on fears that it faced problems with its Amp issues.

This is not the first time the stock market has decided it does not like the look of BET's Amps. In one spectacular fall in February, the shares plummeted by more than a third just four days before a BET Amps auction.

Once again, the stock market had shown it did not really understand capital markets. The auction passed off without incident with BET even achieving a lower yield on the issue.

Similarly, the Rank decision is unlikely to have any serious implications for other issuers.

The market is driven by ratings, and sentiment, a dominant factor in equities, has a relatively small role.

Rank's problem was not a lack of buyers for its paper after being downgraded to BBB+ by Standard & Poor's. An auction was held after Rank announced its decision to call its issue, where it achieved rates broadly comparable to those prevailing before the downgrading.

Of course, investors had the advantage of knowing they would not have to hold the paper for the usual 28 days. But even if Rank had opted to stay in the market, the additional cost of issuing Amps would not have been disastrous.

Ratners is rated BBB+ a has no problems making of the market at a mod additional cost. The real pr lem facing Rank is that ratings-driven nature of An means the investor profile its paper would have chang dramatically after the dov grading — and that would ha entailed a substantial rema eting of the shares, involv costs and placing demands management time.

Amps are attractive to B ish treasurers because t provide highly rated b rowers with many of the c and currency advantages *the American* commer paper market.

Rather generous Bri accounting rules mean t can be treated as share cap in the accounts, *while they* also be used to create reser against which goodwill can written off, a double bala sheet benefit. They appea *large, acquisitive* and fina hungry companies, part larly if they also have dc assets to fund.

But, like all the fancy brids dreamed up by inv ment bankers over the few years, the temptatio reap all the benefits of invention without accoun *for any of the potential dı* backs is real.

Those who argue the for treating Amps as pe nent share capital cannot estly ask the banks refinance the instruments moment their cost rises cause of a rating downgra

As the Saatchi & Sa debacle should constantl mind finance directors when times get tough really cannot have it ways.

JONATHAN PRY

Dow slides 17 point

New York
WALL Street shares were under pressure from a weak futures market and lower bond prices in quiet morning trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was down 17.33 to 2,896.53. Hugh Johnson, chief investment officer at First Albany, said that after the long weekend in America, investors had little incentive to buy or sell. Declining shares led advancing *shares* by about three to two.

● **Singapore** — Share prices closed lower on profit-taking and a lack of fresh bu orders in quiet and lackl trading, brokers said. said that investors largely sidelined with major overseas bourses c for Easter holidays.

The Straits Times inde 4.46 points to *1,486.37* Thursday's 1,490.83. market was closed on Fri

● **Madrid** — The M bourse traded firm but by midsession on hop another cut in interest The index rose 2.5 poin 0.88 per cent, to 286.79.

WALL STREET

	Apr 1 midday	Mar 28 close		Apr 1 midday	Mar 28 close		Apr 1 midday
Abbott Lab	47%	48	Enron	68%	68%	Oryx Enrgy	34%
Aetna Life	46%	47	Entergy	24	24½	Pac Ent	38
Ahmanson	17%	18%	Ethyl	28%	29	Pac Gas Elec	25%
Air Prods	66%	67%	Exxon	58%	58%	Pac Telesis	42%
Albertsons	46%	45%	Fed NMA	45%	45½	Paccar	39%
Alcan Al	21%	22%	Fedn Expre	36%	36½	Pacificorp	22
Alco Stand	31%	32%	Fit Norstar	15%	16%	Pall	34%
Allied Signal	29%	29	Fluor	46%	48%	Paramount	40%
Alumin CA	64%	65%	FMC	38%	37%	Parker-Hanfn	24%
Am Brands	43%	43%	Ford Motor	31%	32%	Penney	52%
Am Cyanmd	53%	52%	FPL	29%	30%	Pennzoil	74%
Am EPC	29%	29%	Fst Chicago	22%	22	Pepsico	33%
Am General	38%	38%	Fst Intrsta	32%	33%	Pfizer	64%
Am Home	57%	58%	Fst Union	21%	22%	Phlps Pet	28
Am Intl	95%	96%	Gannett	39%	40%	Phlps Elec	19%
Am Medical	5%	5%	Gen Cinema	22%	22%	Phlp Morris	67%
Am Stores	64%	64%	Gen Elec	70%	69%	Phlps Dodge	66%
Amax	25%	26	Gen Mills	57	57%	Pitney Bow	52%
Amer Hess	48%	48%	Gen Motors	37%	37%	Plcr Dome	14%
Ameritech	66%	67	Gen RE	96%	96%	PNC Fncl	32%
Amex	28	28%	Gen Signal	42%	42%	Prindle Estn	14%
Amoco	52%	52%	Genentech	25%	25%	Polaroid	25%
AMP	52%	53%	Genuine Pts	38%	39	PPG Inds	45%
AMR	57%	58%	Georgia-Pac	42%	42½	Prctr Gmble	84%
Anheuser-B	52%	52%	Gillette	74%	75%	Price	46%
Apple Comp	68	68	Goodrich	39	39%	Primerica	30%
Archer-Dan	22%	22	Goodyear	23%	23%	Pub Service	27%
Arkla	18%	18%	Grace	29	29%	Quaker Oats	58%
Armstrong	30%	30%	Greyhound	31%	31%	Ralston Pur	57%
Asarco	29	29	Gt Atlantic	53%	53%	Raychem	25%
Ashland Oil	30%	30%	Gt Western	17%	17%	Raytheon	81
AT&T	33%	34%	GTE	31%	31%	Reebok	23%
Atlan Richfld	127	128%	Halliburtn	45%	46%	Roadway	51
Auto DP	64%	64%	Heinz	39%	39%	Rockwell	28
Avery Intl	24%	24%	Hercules	40%	41%	Rohm Haas	45%
Avon Prod	44%	44%	Hershey Fd	40%	40%	Royal Dutch	78%
Baltimore	29%	29%	Hewlett Pkd	46%	50	Rubbermaid	61
Banc One	35%	35%	Hilton Htl	40%	40%	Rynlds Mtl	56%
Bankamerica	36%	36%	Home Depot	53%	53%	Safeco	40%
Bard	23%	24%	Homestake	16%	15%	Salomon	28%
Barnett Bk	22%	23	Honeywell	59%	60	Sant Fe Pac	7%
Bausch Lmb	82%	83%	Houston Ind	35%	36%	Sara Lee	39%
Baxter Intl	32%	33%	Hsehld Intl	44%	45%	Schecorp	36%
Bec Dickn	77%	78%	Humana	48%	49	Schlumbgr	58%
Bell Atlan	51%	51%	IBM	112%	114%	Schrg-Plgh	47%
Bellsouth	53%	53%	IF&F	76%	76%	Scott Papr	39%
Bkr Hughes	26%	26%	Illinois TW	54%	55%	Seagram	93%
Black Decker	12%	12%	Inco	33%	33%	Sears Rbk	34%
Block	52%	52%	Ingersl-Rand	46%	46%	Secrty Pac	24%
Brkrs Tst NY	42%	42%	Inland Steel	20%	20%	Shrwn-Wlms	21%
Boeing	46%	47	Intel	46%	46%	Skyline	16%
Boise Casc	25%	25%	Intl Paper	60%	61	Snap-on Tls	31%
Borden	35%	35%	ITT	56	56%	Southern	28%
Brist-Myer	78%	78%	James River	26%	27	St Paul	69%
Browng-Fer	28%	28%	Johnsn Jhsn	94%	95%	Stanley Wk	35
Burl Nth	29%	29%	K Mart	40%	41	Stone Cntr	15%
CAI	8%	8%	Kellogg	92%	93%	Sun Co	32%
Campbell Sp	76%	76%	Kerr-McGee	42%	42%	Sunrst Bk	28%
Cap Cities	464%	464%	Kimbly-Clrk	86%	87%	Super Valu	27%
Capital HC	48%	48%	Knight-Ridr	50%	51%	SW Bell	55%
Carolina	47%	47%	Lilly	79%	78%	Syntex	77%
Caterpillar	47%	47%	Limited	25%	25%	Sysco	36%
CBS	164	165%	Lin Brdcstg	62	63	Tandem	13%
Central SW	44%	45%	Lincln Nat	50%	51%	Tandy	32%
Champion	28	28	Litton Ind	82%	82%	Tele-comm	14%
Chase Man	15%	15%	Lockheed	41%	42%	Teledyne	22
Chem Bnkg	16%	17%	Louis-Pac	30%	30%	Temple-In	35%
Chevron	78%	77%	Manu Hano	25	25%	Tenneco	41%
Chrysler	14%	14%	Marriott	17%	17%	Texaco	63%
Chubb	71%	71%	Marsh Mclen	84%	85%	Texas Inst	40%
Cigna	52	53%	Martin Mar	58	55%	Texas Util	38%
Citicorp	14%	14%	Masco	23%	23	Textron	30%
Clbrne Liz	42%	43%	May Dept	53	53%	Time Wrnr	106%
Clorox	39	39%	Maytag	15%	15%	Times Mirr	28
Cmwlth Edis	39%	39%	McDnl Doug	37%	37%	Timken	25%
CNA Fncl	86%	86%	McDonalds	34%	34%	Torchmark	58%
Coastal	31%	31%	McGraw-Hill	58%	58%	Toys R Us	27%
Coca-Cola	54%	54%	MCI Com	26	25%	Transam	35%
Colgate-Pal	76%	76%	Mead	30%	30%	Travelers	23%
Columb Gas	43%	44%	Medtronic	120%	119	Tribune	47%
Compaq	61	62%	Mellon Bk	26%	26%	TRW	39%
Conagra	45	45	Melville	52%	52%	Tyco Lab	47%
Cons Edis	25%	25%	Merck	104%	105%	UAL	143%
Cons NG	41%	42	Mrll Lynch	35%	34%	Un Camp	41%
Cons Rail	45%	45%	MMM	86%	86%	Un Carbide	17%
Cooper Ind	49%	49%	Mobil	64%	64%	Un Pacific	73
Corning	60%	60%	Monsanto	57%	57%	Unilever	86%
CPC Intl	82%	83%	Moore	24%	25	Unisys	4%
Crown Cork	65	67%	Morgan	48%	48%	Unocal	28
CSX	37%	36%	Motorola	56%	57%	Upjohn	47
Dana	30	30%	Nat Medical	48%	48%	US West	39%
Dayton-Hud	70%	70	Nat Semi	7%	7%	Usair Gp	19
Deere	49%	49	Nat Service	28	28%	USF&G	9%
Delta Air	69	69%	Navistar	3%	3%	US Life	40%
Deluxe	37%	37%	NCNB	34%	34%	UST	44%
Detroit Ed	28%	29	NCR	98%	99%	USX	30%
Digital Eq	64%	68%	NED Bncp	39%	39%	Utd Tech	48
Dillard	103%	105%	Newmnt Min	35%	38%	Utd Telcm	23%
Disney	115%	119%	Niagr Mhwk	14%	14%	VF	25%
Dominion	47%	48%	Nike	45%	45%	Wal-Mart	39%
Donnelley	46%	46%	NL Indstrs	12%	12%	Waste Mgmt	39%
Dover	40%	41	Nordstrm	35%	35%	Wells Fargo	72%
Dow Chem	48%	49%	North Sthn	44%	44%	Westg Elec	29%
Dow Jones	24%	25%	Norwest	23%	23%	Weyerhsr	34%
Dresser Ind	25%	25%	Nthn St Pwr	35%	35%	Whirlpool	28%
Du Pont	36%	37%	Nthn Telcm	31%	31%	Whtman	28%
Duke Pwr	28%	28%	NY Times	22%	22%	Winn-Dixie	37%
Dun Bradst	46%	47	Nynex	72%	72%	Woolworth	33%
East Kodak	44%	45%	Occid Petrl	18%	18%	Wrigley	60%
Eaton	56%	56%	Ohio Edi	18%	18%	Wrner-Lamb	73%
Emerson El	44	44%	Oracle Sys	9%	9	Xerox	55%

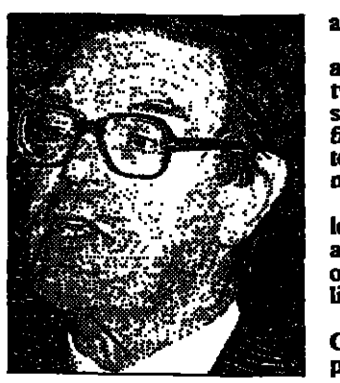
REPORTING THIS WEEK

Resilient Tesco poised to home in on target

Costain: depressed sectors

MacLaurin: expansion

Walls: weak conditions



Turnbull: sterling blow

IN SPITE *of a difficult* retailing environment, Tesco, the supermarket group headed by Sir Ian MacLaurin, will report a resilient performance and ring up a strong advance in full-year profits. The results, due tomorrow, will show the benefits from buoyant existing businesses and a rapid expansion of stores.

In January, the group announced plans for a £572 million rights issue to maintain its ambitious store expansion programme. At the same time, *it forecast pre-tax profits* of not less than £416 million for the year to February 23, excluding property profits of at least £19 million, a 27 per cent rise.

Andy Brown, at Morgan Stanley, thinks the group will have no problem in achieving its forecast. Market expectations range from £416 million to £418 million. Earnings per share are forecast at 16.5p (13.4p). Margins should show continued improvement.

TODAY

Inchcape, the international business services and marketing group headed by Sir George Turnbull, is expected to report final pre-tax profits of £175 million, against a restated £173.3 million last time, according to Mike Smith at Robert Fleming Securities.

Market forecasts range from £170 million to £185 million. Mr Smith says this will be a good performance considering the depressed automotive markets and the fact that *about 80 per cent of profits* come from overseas.

The strength of sterling is estimated to have cost the group about £15 million. The motor division could be down in the second half, reflecting problems at Mann Egerton, particularly its fleet leasing activities. However, Toyota GB, Inchcape's *main franchise*, increased sales by an estimated 20 per cent, lifting its market share from 1.8 per cent to about 2.1 per cent.

News is awaited on current trading, along with progress at the new Toyota plant in Britain, which comes on stream next year and which will play an important role in the group's development.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Baillie Gifford Technology, Edinburgh Fund Managers, Inchcape, Quarto Group, Tronoh Mines Malaysia, UK Land.

TOMORROW

Sun Alliance, the general and life insurer, is expected to announce a full-year pre-tax loss of £160 million, compared with profits of £318.6 million last year, according to UBS Phillips & Drew. Market forecasts range from losses of £130 million to £194 million.

British underwriting losses assume weather losses of £300 million, and subsidence claims of £140 million. P&D predicts personal line losses of £300 million and commercial line losses of £150 million, with a deficit of about £20 million from the marine and aviation account.

In the second half, British underwriting losses are estimated at 24 per cent of premium income and, even if subsidence claims are spread throughout the year, P&D estimates British underwriting losses at 16 per cent of premiums.

Wiggins Teape Appleton, the Anglo-French paper company that merged last year with Arjomari, a French paper company, and whose chairman and chief executive is Stephen Walls, is expected by County NatWest to report a 14 per cent fall in annual profits to *£150 million*.

Market forecasts range from £150 million to £156 million. The results will reflect the weak conditions in the paper industry.

UBS Phillips & Drew expects **Ash & Lacy**, the West Midlands specialist engineering group, to show final pre-tax profits of £4.3 million, against £4.9 million, although the dividend should be maintained at 6.4p.

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Ash & Lacy, Boxmore International, Burford Holdings, Caparo Industries, CMB Packaging, Friendly Hotels, Hay (Norman), Lec Refrigeration, Sun Alliance Group, Tesco, Wiggins Teape Appleton, Wilson (Connolly) Holdings.
Economic statistics: UK official reserves (March), details of employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators.

THURSDAY

Costain, the construction and property group whose chief executive is Peter Costain, will suffer a slump in profits as a result of the depressed property and construction sectors.

Angus Phaure, at County NatWest WoodMac, expects final pre-tax profits to plunge from £55 million to £15 million, including, perhaps, a £20 million land writedown. Market forecasts rise to £22 million. The results could be accompanied by a large provision, possibly £40 million, against property operations.

Ibstock Johnsen, the brick and pulp maker, is exposed *to* two areas that have suffered significantly. Analysts expect *final pre-tax profits to decline* to about £30 million (£59 million).

Wembley, the property and leisure group, is expected to announce final pre-tax profits of £11.4 million (£8.5 million), according to BZW.

London and Manchester Group, the life assurance and pensions group, is expected to reveal final pre-tax profits of £16 million (£15.6 million), according to Roger Hill at SG Warburg Securities. Market forecasts range from £16 million to £23.2 million.

William Baird, the textile and engineering group, is forecast to report final pre-tax profits of between £33.5 mil*lion and £35.3 million, against* £33.3 million.

BZW expects **Ipeco**, the aircraft seat maker, to maintain full-year pre-tax profits at *about £4.6 million.*

Interims: A Beckman.
Finals: Associated Fisheries, Baird (William), Brammer, British Alcan Aluminium, Butler Cox, Cooper (Frederick), Costain Group, Elys (Wimbledon), Estates & General, Ibstock Johnsen, Ipeco Holdings, London and Manchester Group, New Ireland Holdings, Oliver Group, Scholl, Tilbury Group, Wembley.

FRIDAY

Interims: None announced.
Finals: Dawsongroup, Halls Homes & Gardens, Ingham (George) & Co, Johnston Group, Pittencrieff.

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STREET

Medicine for German malaise

ECONOMIC VIEW

COLIN NARBROUGH

The lifting of the iron curtain, which last year brought the two halves of a divided Germany together in political and monetary union, appears to have produced a disturbing behavioural change. Where once there was teutonic order, one now finds what, outwardly at least, has all the symptoms of rashness and confusion. A new German malaise, perhaps?

With the mark, anchor of the European monetary system, in steep decline, it was particularly disturbing to see Karl Otto Pöhl, the Bundesbank president and doyen of Europe's central bankers, vandalising market sentiment for the currency on March 19 with remarks about Germany's monetary alliance having been a "disaster".

Considering Herr Pöhl is the statutory guardian of German price stability, his performance was odd. The difficulty the Germans are having with the near-collapse of their decrepit eastern *Länder* is no secret. Why then should Herr Pöhl give such a black diagnosis? One ready explanation is that Herr Pöhl is becoming increasingly concerned that the politicians in Bonn are again about to override his objections to European monetary union and his fears of a single currency. Gemu was merely a case study from home of the problems Emu is likely to bring.

That explanation might have sufficed, had it not been for Theo Waigel, the German finance minister and frequent Pöhl ally, last week delivering the mark a fresh blow just as the Bundesbank was leading concerted intervention against the dollar. Each 10 per cent fall in the mark against the dollar adds 0.2 of a percentage point to German inflation through import prices. In saying that Germany could "live with" the stronger dollar, he confirmed market fears of policy confusion in Germany. The dollar climbed to DM1.72, nearly 30 pfennigs above its February lows.

Publicly talking down the mark, while spending Bundesbank reserves to support it, surely represents a serious inconsistency, almost schizophrenia. Though Herr Waigel could conceivably have blundered, Herr Pöhl is too experienced and wily an operator for a slip of the tongue. So what are the monetary doctors of Europe's economic superpower up to?

Most likely, they have tried to feed gloom into the market to establish where the mark will reach bottom, while going through the motions of intervention to smooth the dollar movement.

The Bundesbank is unwilling to step in the way of a raging dollar fired up by post-Gulf euphoria and hopes of American recovery. The Bundesbank is waiting for the dollar to run out of breath. Ever convinced of the fundamental soundness of their body economic, the German authorities believe the dollar rise has been overdone, that it is largely a psychological phenomenon.

Although converting the former East Germany into a viable economy is proving tougher and far more costly that initially hoped, most German forecasters are still looking beyond current problems to a rekindling of growth next year. Improvement this year cannot be entirely ruled out.

Western Germany, meanwhile, remains vulnerable to inflationary pressures as the boom continues. A 6 per cent pay deal with public sector workers really represents about 7.5 per cent, and the powerful metalworkers union wants more. Indirect tax increases this summer will add 0.8 per cent to consumer price inflation. On top comes the dollar effect.

The slowdown in western German inflation to an annual 2.5 per cent in March, the lowest since last July, is unlikely to recur soon. For the second half of the year, 4 per cent inflation is anticipated. Inflation in eastern Germany is set to jump more than 10 per cent this year, boosted by the deregulation of prices.

The dilemma for the monetary authorities is whether a prophylactic tightening of interest rates would be possible while eastern Germany is responding poorly to expensive treatment and the western half of Germany is expected to tire later this year as more tax and employment insurance drains DM34 billion from the private sector.

Western German growth could well be below 2 per cent this year, less than half the level it reached last year.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl has gone a long way to meet Herr Pöhl's demands for a more restrictive fiscal regime. Even so, a net DM120 billion of public finance will be injected into eastern Germany this year, equivalent to half its total output. Faced with fast-dwindling popularity, Herr Kohl is likely to put pressure on the Bundesbank to cut short-term interest rates, if the cure for eastern Germany takes too long and western Germany slows down.

The spectre of inflationary ills arising from the dollar surge could, however, help Herr Pöhl tip the balance of argument in favour of an early tightening of short-term interest rates. He needs to restore Bundesbank credibility by acting decisively. This could reduce the current risk premium Germany is having to pay.

Importantly, short-term pain would be offset by a reduction in the cost of the large-scale, long-term borrowing Germany needs to ensure its eastern half becomes well. Medicine, Herr Pöhl!

Rising risks in the brave new world of leasing

HE industrial leasing business, best known for financing otor fleets, computers and achine tools and for taking a 5 per cent share of world ircraft purchases, has discovered an extraordinary market. After a crucial legal tax ling, leasing companies ave started to build a new siness, financing large immovable infrastructure projects, such as oil installations, ater and sewage works, pipelines and even power stations. Last year, more than £600 illion of such "big ticket" sets were leased to operators the energy and water industries by financial lessors. hat was more than double e £265 million recorded by e Equipment Leasing Association (ELA) in 1989 and uch more could be on its ay.

The privatised water groups re finding leasing particularly tractive. Thanks to a backlog of tax allowances against pital spending at privatisation, they have no mainline orporation tax to offset gainst new investment allowances and can save money by ilising the tax allowances ailable to the leasing mpanies.

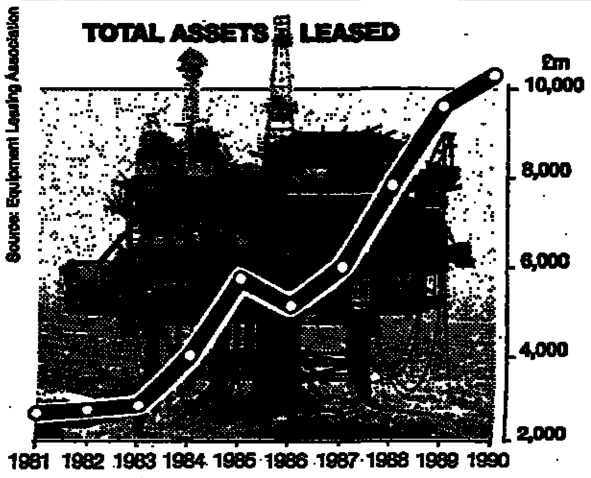
This expansion could, however, become a victim of its n success. Most leading sing groups are subsidiaries affiliates of banks.

The fall in bank profits is refore shrinking the tax pacity available to expand s new sector of the leasing siness, which traditionally ncentrated on moveable d separately saleable items, ere the prime attraction of se finance is often its ibility and the saving of rce cash.

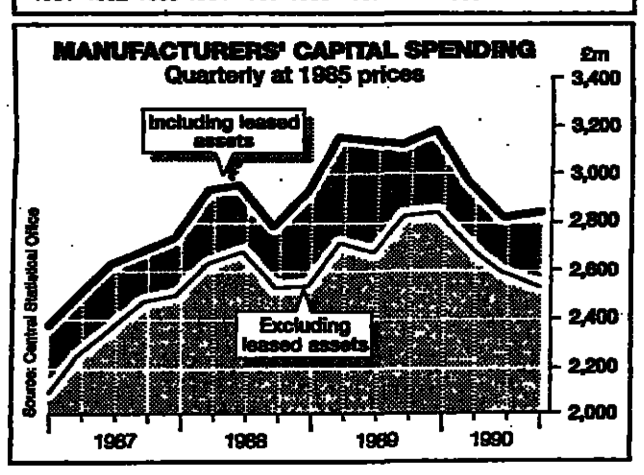
Thus far, the shortage of k profits has not become ical. Some extra leasing acity is being provided by European expansion of GE sing, part of the American neral Electric group, and by entry into the market of bey National.

f there is a shortage of acity, lessors would have imit expansion in this new asset business to maintain ir bread-and-butter trade.

rian Hassell of Barclays rcantile, chairman of the A, says business is not ng turned away but lessors having to revive ways of ng into partnership with h other to take shares in big sing deals. This is more nplex and expensive since a nsortium has less flexibility maximise tax and cashflow efits.



Source: Equipment Leasing Association



Source: Central Statistical Office

LA members, who account for 80 per cent of the industry in Britain, increased the amount of assets they financed by 7 per cent to £10.3 billion in 1990. That excludes £4 billion of industrial hire purchase, in which the customer rather than the leasing company retains the tax allowances.

Traditional leasing financed 20.3 per cent of investment in plant and equipment in Britain, up from 20 per cent in 1989 and 17 per cent in 1988.

Cars and machinery accounted for more than half leased assets, with computer and office equipment and commercial vehicles also prominent. GPA, the leading financer of aircraft operating leases, is not included.

Including industrial hire purchase, mostly for car and commercial vehicle fleets, the industry financed 28.5 per cent of fixed investment.

But despite a sharp loss of confidence at the end of last year, Mr Hassell says business in 1991 appears to be more buoyant than expected, though industry-wide figures are not yet available.

The recession is, however, affecting lessors sharply and thereby contributing to the bad debt provisions of banks. Mr Hassell estimates that defaults of lease payments may have doubled or trebled over the past 18 months, though less than 10 per cent of transactions are thought to be in default.

Bad debts, says Mr Hassell, are "the worst I can remember in 25 years in the industry", partly because company failures have been much more widespread than in the 1980-1 recession, which affected mostly manufacturing industry.

The impact of defaults and bad debts on the leasing industry may also take longer to come through. Unlike bank overdrafts, leasing finance cannot be withdrawn by nervous banks as a precaution, unless customers are actually in default. This is part of the appeal of leasing to customers, since it is effectively long-term finance.

Bad debts are also rarely crystallised until reclaimed assets have been sold. Some repossessed equipment may be stored and even whole factories mothballed for months to obtain better prices.

Company collapses are also forcing the industry to rethink its expansion into non-moveable items, such as factories or heating and ventilation systems in buildings. Security for these is tenuous, so that, as with computer software, lessors could recover little or nothing even if they could physically repossess assets.

Lessors have discovered problems if they repossess factories or immoveable plant but have no lien over the land they stand on. In the case of the water industry, government licences do not allow the land to be in hock to lessors, though utilities are among the safest customers.

The demand for leasing, at least as a proportion of companies' falling capital spending, is likely to increase further to ease the commercial and industrial sector's acute financial deficit.

This is particularly noticeable in manufacturing industry, where, as the chart shows, the proportion of new capital spending financed by lessors rose sharply in the last quarter of 1990.

In line with the banks in 1990-1, companies will also be short of profits over the next two years and will therefore have less corporation tax of their own to absorb the tax allowances that arise from buying their own plant and equipment. If demand for leasing rises, however, so will the risks.

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Underlying threat that may keep British bonds on the sidelines

GILT-EDGED

Against a background of falling interest rates in the world economy, investors in global bond and money markets are showing a preference for switching into those currencies that promise attractive returns through high interest rates and high bond yields. For example, the Spanish government debt auction last week was heavily oversubscribed as investors rushed into the market to take advantage of the attractive yields on offer.

As European interest rates continue to fall, investors will continually search for high yield opportunities. Where does this leave the gilt market? Yields of about 10 per cent on longer dated stock compare unfavourably with yields available in markets such as Spain and Italy.

Indeed, once consideration is taken of the difference in real yields, ie adjusting for relative inflation rates, gilts look relatively unattractive. While headline retail price inflation is set to fall dramatically in the months ahead, underlying inflation is likely to prove more stubborn, as Robin Leigh-Pemberton acknowledged in his evidence to the Treasury and Civil Service Select Committee. Increasingly, investors in the gilt market will focus on the underlying inflation rate and make real yield comparisons on that basis with other ERM markets.

The main pressure on underlying inflation continues to come from the labour market, despite a rising trend in unemployment. In addition, worsening public spending pressures and the adverse value-added tax effect on inflation expectations will do little to alleviate these underlying pressures.

Although demand-pull pressures on inflation are virtually non-existent at the moment, even the pessimists admit that there will be a recovery in economic activity, albeit modest, by early next year. As consumer spending revives, this will make it exceedingly difficult to make a significant dent in inflation and may well generate an upturn in headline rates of inflation from the 4 per cent we are likely to see at the end of this year.

Near term, the Chancellor still has room to reduce base rates by another half point and a Bundesbank move is no impediment to lower interest rates in Britain, given the good performance of the pound against the mark. It is worth noting though that on a trade-weighted basis, the pound is near its lowest levels in six months. While most of this weakness reflects the recent surge in the dollar, the fall from $2 at the beginning of February to $1.74 now will start to feed through into higher costs of oil and basic materials when translated into sterling terms.

Disappointment in significantly reducing underlying inflation will inevitably mean a prolonged period of tight monetary policy. This implies that base rates will stay in double figures well into next year. Of course, by that time, there may be a change of government and the gilt market is already starting to build in an increased political risk premium.

As the date of the general election draws closer, failure on the part of the Conservatives to build at least a 10 per cent lead over Labour in the opinion polls, would increase market nervousness. The impact of political risk on market sentiment is easy to exaggerate. The Italians are set to enjoy their 50th post-war government, yet that has proved no obstacle to investor interest in the Italian markets.

However, there seems little chance of gilts being near the top of the international league table for investors. For the Japanese who are entering a new fiscal year and are reviewing their bond portfolios, there is virtually no indication of an upsurge of interest in gilts.

The total amount of Japanese overseas investment in bonds and equities was about $767 billion at the end of 1990. Ninety per cent of this is invested in bonds. The most striking change towards the end of last year was a switch out of American bonds into ecu bonds and an estimated 15 per cent of total overseas bond investment by the Japanese is now accounted for by the ecu market. For the time being, Japanese investors will be content to stick with this move and gilts look like staying on the sidelines.

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Property market still poorly

THE Easter collapse of Peter Taylor's Sheraton Securities has inevitably refocused attention on the battle-scarred property sector.

As bank base rates have fallen, the share prices of several highly borrowed, second-line companies have made significant advances, most for the first time in more than a year. The sudden demise of Sheraton suggests this optimism is not well founded.

The appointment of receivers at Sheraton, just seven months after SG Warburg completed a £50 million refinancing of the company, is a clear indication that the property market is still very sick indeed. Mountainous debts, such as the £350 million or so that Sheraton owed its 33 banks, do not just go away, especially now that overseas institutions seemed to have joined the domestic funds in boycotting commercial property as an investment.

As a developer, Sheraton is not alone in its problems. Rosehaugh, also rescued by a £125 million rights issue arranged by SG Warburg a year ago, is due to report this month. Like Sheraton, it posted disastrous results after its refinancing. In November, Rosehaugh announced pre-tax losses of £165 million for the year to end-June, after making provisions of £137 million.

Given that the property market deteriorated seriously in the second half of 1990, what Rosehaugh's Godfrey Bradman has to say about property values will be eagerly awaited. The shares, which have been as high as 105p lately, dropped 7p to 81p before the Sheraton news. Also falling was Speyhawk, down 8p to 104p, about 40p below the March high. The latest fall comes a fortnight after news of a full-year loss of £3 million.

Taylor: battle-scarred

A question mark still hangs over Ford Sellar Morris, the property trader quoted on the Unlisted Securities Market, whose shares remain suspended while it attempts to refinance its borrowings of more than £130 million.

The problems are not confined to highly geared developers. Owning a fully let building is not the comfort it once was. As the recession continues to bite, more and more tenants are facing bankruptcy, leaving their hard-pressed landlords with unlettable second-hand space.

Slough Estates, which last week ended a 44-year-old trend of rising profits, has first-hand experience of this problem. The vacancy rate on its British portfolio, whose cornerstone is the huge industrial estate at Slough, Berkshire, has seen its void rate jump from 3.8 to 6.4 per cent in a year.

The problem is exacerbated by Britain's inflexible lease system. Most modern buildings are let on 25-year leases, with upward-only rent reviews every five years. In the present climate, a 25-year commitment is enough to frighten off prospective tenants.

For struggling existing tenants, the system allows no relief. Most landlords are unable to negotiate rent reductions, as their financing arrangements tend to be firmly tied to the terms of the standard lease. Not surprisingly, there are more anecdotal reports of desperate tenants ripping up their leases and challenging landlords to do something about it.

This problem is made worse by the rapid decline in new rents, which are undercutting previous agreements. Existing leases may specify only upward moves, but in the competitive market of open market lettings, new rents are moving only one way — down.

In the grossly over-supplied City of London office market, for instance, new rents are expected to fall by up to 30 per cent from the top levels of £65 a sq ft two years ago.

In the short term the bad news looks set to continue. But there could be much worse to come, at least in terms of company failures. If the real property market shows signs of bottoming out, the banks, collectively owed about £40 billion by property companies, may start calling in their loans. After all, no one wants security that is falling in value. But if the value of that underlying asset starts to rise, the banks' reluctance to foreclose will disappear overnight.

MATTHEW BOND

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Horses for ity courses

CHOLAS Jones, the man- ng director of Lazard thers, will be absent from City desk tomorrow, when chairs his first board meeting for the National Stud. The er institution was founded ut 75 years ago, when Lord vertree left bloodstock and 00-acre stud farm, near wbury in Berkshire, to the ernment. The farm is of- ally the responsibility of Home Secretary, and is l producing a small but ular profit. The ever-dap Jones, aged 44, succeeds John Sparrow in the post. from retiring, Sparrow, d 57, head of the government's think tank in the early hties and, until three years , chairman of Morgan nfell Asset Management, o be chairman of the Horse ce Betting Levy Board in- d. Jones says: "I will spend norning a month on it. It l not interfere with my rk at Lazards." Jones, a se racing enthusiast, keeps own stable with two brood res and two horses in ining — Miss Foxtrot, a ee-year-old, and Bold oke, a two-year-old. His ing colours are red with wn and white striped sleeves. "They were my old house colours when I was a schoolboy at Winchester," he says. In spite of his reputation as a corporate financier in the Square Mile, Jones insists that there will be no dramatic changes at the National Stud. He says: "I don't think I will make any changes immediately." He adds: "It already makes a profit. We simply want to buy good stallions to make even more."

SIGN spotted in the rear window of a car in Reading, Berkshire: "Christopher Columbus holds the record for fuel economy — he crossed the ocean on three galleons."

Ties with the past

IN A hundred years, his *Troubleshooter* series on television will be all but forgotten, but few people, it seems, will be allowed to forget Sir John Harvey-Jones. To commemorate Bradford University's 25th anniversary this month, a 15-inch metal time capsule will be buried in the foyer of the Richmond Building on campus. Aside from the usual paraphernalia, the contents will include one of the former ICI chairman's colourful ties. Harvey-Jones, who is chancellor of the university, has won awards for his outlandish ties. The capsule will also include a pipe once owned by Lord Wilson, Bradford's first chancellor.

Cycle complete

THE restructuring of NatWest Capital Markets, which started more than a year ago, has been completed with the recruitment of Duncan Goldie-Morrison — described even by envious male colleagues as a "blond hunk" — as one of its two London senior directors, and the man responsible for swaps and derivatives worldwide. Morrison, aged 35, is the son of Keith Goldie-Morrison, a recently retired Stock Exchange council member who was also once the senior partner of Keith Bailey Rogers. Morrison junior is, it seems, the archetypal City slicker who has everything, including a Ferrari 400i. His brother Stewart works for Goldman Sachs, his sister is the managing director of Oxford Scientific Film, while Morrison owns a motorcycle racing team called Motodd Racing and, jointly, a maker of specialist motorcycle frames, based in Croydon, south London. "I haven't raced myself, I'm too scared," he admits. "But I'm one of the oily rags in the pit when the team races." Morrison, who resigned from Westpac, the Australian bank, to accept NatWest's offer, previously spent ten years with Kleinwort Benson, becoming managing director of Kleinwort Benson Cross-Financing. Although a BMW is part of his NatWest package, Morrison has already handed the keys over to Pamela, his wife. When not driving his Ferrari, he prefers to use one of his five motorbikes for his daily journey. "I'm having an absolute blast," says Morrison of his new job. "I'm loving it here. It offers so many opportunities."

FRAMED notice on the office wall of a firm of accountants in Greenwich, southeast London: "You are wealthy when you have enough to buy things you've always wanted — but don't."

Eating bankers

ROGER Nightingale, the ex-Smith New Court economist now running his own business, Roger Nightingale & Associates, from premises in Tooley Street, London, has resorted to Shakespeare in his latest weekly newsletter in an attempt to summarise German economics. Posing the question, "Shakespeare, on high risk national policies?" he paraphrases Macbeth, with the addition of three initial words: "Germany: a country, So weary with disasters, tugg'd with fortune, That it would set its survival on any chance, To mend it or be rid on't." Nightingale, who charges £150 for a year subscription to the newsletter, will doubtless find new subscribers at the Bank of England after his next publication. In it, he "savages" Robin Leigh-Pemberton's comments about "HP controls on banking mortgages". "It really was theatre of the ridiculous," says Nightingale. "I can only assume that it was intended as a jokey piece, displaying similar wit to Swift's piece about solving the Irish problem by eating babies."

Meals 'n' deals

LONELY City workers looking for a night on the town are flocking to a new service that promises to be the last word in popular entertainment. The service, called Meet 'n' Eat, throws together 16 like-minded people who feel in the mood for a social occasion. In return for a £60 membership fee, they end up at the restaurant of their choice with a bunch of strangers, hoping to create the air of a private dinner party. "I get a lot of City people wanting to come to the events," says Anne Birnhak, who runs her own PR firm and dreamed up the idea. "I'm now looking for more City restaurants to work with." The membership fee aside, clients should be prepared to pay £25 plus for a three-course meal with a glass of wine and box of Belgian chocolates thrown in.

CAROL LEONARD

Kleinwort Benson

Kleinwort Benson Private Bank announces that with effect from 1st April 1991 the Mortgage Management Account interest rate will be 13.7% per annum, the mortgage base rate will be 13.85% per annum.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Allied Text	Textiles	
2	Weir	Industrials S-Z	
3	*Aus New Z*	*Banks,Discount*	
4	Goal Pet	Oil,Gas	
5	Unitech	Electricals	
6	Christies Int	Industrials A-D	
7	Campari	Leisure	
8	Lopex	Paper,Print,Adv	
9	Smart (J)	Building,Roads	
10	St Ives Gp	Paper,Print,Adv	
11	Parkland 'A'	Textiles	
12	Brown Shipley	Banks,Discount	
13	Carlton Comm	Leisure	
14	*Johnstone Press*	*Newspapers,Pub*	
15	Taylor Woodrow	Building,Roads	
16	Smith & Neph	Industrials S-Z	
17	Burton	Drapery,Stores	
18	*Bromsgrove Inds*	*Industrials A-D*	
19	Domino	Electricals	
20	Tibbet & Britten	Transport	
21	Nat West	Banks,Discount	
22	Wellcome	Industrials S-Z	
23	Abbott Mead	Paper,Print,Adv	
24	Smith WH 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
25	Bespak	Industrials A-D	
26	Molins	Industrials L-R	
27	Peek	Electricals	
28	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
29	McKechnie	Industrials L-R	
30	Cannon St	Industrials A-D	
31	Diploma	Industrials A-D	
32	Yorkshire Chem	Chemicals,Plas	
33	*Gold Greenless*	*Paper,Print,Adv*	
34	Community Hospital	Industrials A-D	
35	Walker, Greenbank	Industrials S-Z	
36	Sthrn Water	Water	
37	Ocean Group	Transport	
38	Severn Trent	Water	
39	Shell	Oil,Gas	
40	BICC	Electricals	
41	Dag Motors	Motors,Aircraft	
42	Wickes	Drapery,Stores	
43	Unigate	Foods	
44	Central TV	Leisure	
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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £4,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

The weekly Portfolio Platinum prize of £8,000 was won by Mr Norman Rogers, of Hale Barns, Altrincham, Cheshire.

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Capitalisation and change on week

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)
ACCOUNT DAYS: *Dealings begin today.* Dealings end April 12. §Contango day April 15. Settlement day April 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are Thursday's middle prices. Change, dividend, yield and P/E ratios are calculated on middle prices.

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
251.0m	Provident	492	●-18	31.3	6.4	10.2
16.4m	Rea Bros	42	-3	0.7	1.7	20.1
1,435.0m	Ryl Bk Scot	188	-6	11.2	8.0	8.8
420.8m	Schroders	838	..	18.7	2.2	16.7
870.5m	Stan Chart	372	-18	26.7	7.2	28.8
2,241.0m	TSB	149	●-3	8.5	5.7	12.2
108.8m	Union Disc	579	-2	46.7	8.1	22.5
883.0m	Warburg SG	438	..	20.0	4.6	7.8
85.3m	Do 6% 'A'	145	●-2	8.0	5.5	..
2,195.1m	Wells Fargo	242⅝	+2⅝	..	..	..
2,148.0m	Westpac	183	+10	..	..	..
29.6m	Wintrust	350	● ..	11.9	3.4	9.5

BREWERIES

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
4,453.7m	Allied-Lyons	515	-4	23.4	4.5	10.8
3,255.0m	Bass	913	r-82	43.2	4.7	9.3
157.4m	Boddington	159	+16	8.0	5.0	10.7
128.2m	Bulmer (H P)	242	-1	10.6	4.4	18.2
27.9m	Burtonwood Brew	134	-4	5.3	4.0	18.5
75.8m	Devenish (JA)	150	-12	7.1	4.7	11.0
1,208.0m	Fosters Brewing Gp	54	..	..	..	..
7,979.2m	Grand Met	803	●+31	27.2	3.4	14.5
401.3m	Greenall Wht	339	-2	13.3	3.9	13.0
178.3m	Greene King	419	-1	13.6	3.2	15.0
8,061.9m	Guinness	895	+18	25.0	2.8	14.1
39.0m	Hardys & Hansons	975	-3	44.7	4.6	11.9
319.4m	Highland Dist	257	-2	6.4	2.5	19.5
207.0m	Invergordon Dist	183	+5	6.7	4.1	18.5
71.5m	Mansfield	454	-1	15.3	3.4	11.8
183.7m	Marston Thompson	209	-1	5.6	2.7	17.0
35.1m	Matthew Clark	389	●+1	18.0	4.5	13.9
49.6m	Morland	293	..	8.5	2.9	14.4
2,175.5m	*SA Breweries*	808	+6	..	..	..
1,481.0m	Scot & New	374	+2	18.2	4.9	13.4
306.9m	Vaux Grp	228	-3	11.7	8.2	11.7
2,075.3m	Whitbread 'A'	484	+10	20.4	4.2	13.5
221.9m	Do 'B'	£13⅝	..	20.4	1.5	37.3
323.8m	Wolvrhmptn & D	498	+11	12.4	2.5	14.0
12.8m	Young 'A'	443	..	18.0	3.6	21.0

BUILDING, ROADS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
27.1m	Abbey	70	-5	..	..	..
358.5m	Amec	251	-7	13.5	5.4	11.8
21.3m	Anglia Sec	64	-10	..	..	..
4,750,000	Arncliffe	95	..	9.0	9.5	2.4
433.4m	Atwoods	232	-2	6.5	2.8	20.2
951.0m	BPB Ind	280	+1	15.9	8.5	9.8
39.9m	*Baggeridge Brick*	101	..	4.2	4.2	11.9
3,971,000	Bailey (Ben) Constr	38	-1	1.5	3.9	4.0
202.0m	Barratt Devs	112	+18	12.0	10.7	11.8
460.2m	Beazer PLC	162	+11	10.5	6.4	9.4
65.6m	Bellway	271	-21	14.7	5.4	14.8
3,946,000	Bellwinch	12	-2	..	..	..
141.5m	Berkeley Gp	340	+13	6.0	1.8	11.3
22.3m	Bett Bros	149	+12	6.5	5.7	11.3
27.0m	Blockleys	110	..	6.4	5.8	7.8
1,498.0m	Blue Circle	270	+13	15.0	5.6	9.1

BREWERIES

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

DRAPERY, STORES

ELECTRICALS

ELECTRICITY

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

FINANCE, LAND

FOODS

HOTELS, CATERERS

INDUSTRIALS A-D

E-K

L-R

S-Z

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
564.4m	Tomkins	314	●-18	12.5	4.0	8.7
1,248.5m	Trafalgar H	247	-7	24.5	9.9	11.6
58.6m	Triplex Lloyd	127	+1	9.3	7.3	14.2
147.9m	Unichem	157	+9	6.0	3.8	11.5
30.6m	Unidare	240	● ..	..	..	..
8,268,000	Unigroup	29	-1	..	..	33.3
8,125.3m	Unilever	782	+18	24.2	3.2	..
7,751.8m	Unilever (NV)	£48⅛	+⅛	..	..	..
148.8m	VSEL	410	+7	30.0	7.3	8.5
53.8m	Verson	39	..	1.2	3.1	12.6
620.9m	Vickers	237	+2	13.2	5.6	8.8
74.2m	Vinten	212	-3	8.3	3.9	10.7
3,380.5m	Volkswagen	£121½	+⅛	..	..	..
72.4m	Vosper Thorny	235	-3	13.7	5.8	9.2
7,861,000	WSP Hldgs	78	-3	3.9	5.0	7.7
128.9m	Wagon Ind	380	+2	22.1	5.7	10.2
61.0m	Walker, Greenbank	67	+4	3.9	5.8	10.5
45.7m	Warner Howard	198	-1	6.3	3.2	13.6
61.7m	Wassall	158	-7	3.7	2.3	13.3
245.6m	Weir	340	+7	12.4	3.6	11.8
4,345.1m	Wellcome	512	+6	8.7	1.7	22.5
10.3m	Wellman	38	-1	2.9	7.6	4.4
1,477,000	Westerly	15	..	..	..	3.5
——	Westmex	6	..	..	..	..
96.0m	Whatman	438	+3	9.0	2.1	14.2
31.7m	Whessoe	171	-4	8.3	4.9	7.6
45.3m	[illegible]	88	●-3	4.0	6.1	8.7
68.9m	Whitecroft	197	-1	20.0	10.2	6.1
4,962,000	Widney	9	-1	..	..	..
30.5m	Wilkes (James)	162	-4	13.5	8.2	7.2
7,728,000	Wilshire Gp	3½	..	..	..	4.1
890.6m	Williams Hldgs	285	●-4	18.0	5.6	12.8
1,028,000	Wills Gp	11	..	..	..	2.9
738.8m	Wolseley	348	-23	16.1	4.7	9.9

INSURANCE

LEISURE

MINING

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

NEWSPAPERS, PUBLISHERS

OILS, GAS

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
41.3m	Exp Comp Louisiana	47	-2	..	..	..
126.0m	Goal Pet	94	+5	1.5	1.8	22.2
103.0m	Gt Western Res	114	-6	5.5	4.8	..
605.2m	Hamilton	223	●+1	..	..	..
143.1m	Hardy O & G	201	+2	..	..	19.7
13.3m	Kelt Energy	4½	+¼	..	..	..
1,289.3m	LASMO	364	●-10	11.3	3.2	16.2
18.5m	Do Units	180	+2	34.8	19.3	
230.7m	Monument	39	+¼	..	..	25.7
15.3m	New London	15	..	..	..	..
14.5m	NB Sea Assets	29½	+½	..	..	10.5
——	Oil Search	25	+1	..	..	..
11.0m	Petrocon	38	-2	1.8	4.7	4.6
——	Petroz	8	..	..	..	..
231.1m	Premier	49	-5	..	..	26.7
63.3m	Presidio	270	..	..	..	..
373.9m	Ranger	385	●+6	..	..	..
23,980.3m	Royal Dutch P/S	£44⅞	+⅛	..	..	..
18,177.0m	Shell	488	●+9	26.8	5.5	12.3
46.0m	Sovereign	154	..	..	..	..
——	Target Res	4	..	..	..	..
89.9m	Triton Europe	109	..	1.0	0.9	74.7
1,172.6m	Ultramar	317	●-6	14.0	4.4	8.8
——	Woodside	131	+11	..	..	..

PAPER, PRINT, ADVERTISING

Capitalisation £	Company	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Gross div pence	Div Yld %	P/E
22.1m	AFI	105	..	9.0	8.8	
38.1m	*Abbott Mead*	281	+4	10.4	4.0	
5,256,000	Acsis Group	4	..	0.5	12.5	
8,501,000	Addison Cons	12¼	..	..	..	
188.1m	Aegis Gp	225	+13	7.8	3.5	
28.8m	BNB Res	99	-3	6.1	6.2	
32.4m	Bemrose	187	+34	15.7	8.0	
6,663,000	Birkdale	51	-2	..	..	
400.0m	Bunzl	98	+16	7.9	8.1	
12.8m	CIA Gp	111	..	4.3	3.9	
12.3m	Cropper (James)	152	-1	3.7	2.4	
4,228,000	Delyn Packaging	50	..	1.9	3.8	
80.2m	Ferguson Ind	248	-9	16.7	6.7	
2,399,000	Fitch-RS	36	..	2.0	5.6	
4,312,000	Geers Gross	28½	-3½	2.7	9.5	
19.1m	Gold Greenless	114	●+3	11.1	9.7	
5,946,000	Goodhead	38	● ..	2.1	5.5	
38.6m	Hunterprint	23	-3	..	..	
17.2m	Lopex	73	+5	5.3	7.3	
61.1m	More O'Ferrall	239	●-10	17.6	7.4	
28.7m	NMC Group	73	-2	4.7	6.4	
6,380,000	Olives Hldgs	73	-7	12.0	16.4	
14.2m	Quarto	105	-1	6.5	6.2	
230.8m	St Ives Gp	238	+6	6.7	2.8	
25.9m	Saatchi 10p	18	r ..	..	..	
74.8m	Shandwick	90	-2	4.7	5.2	
240.7m	Smith David	343	+2	12.3	3.6	
1,788.0m	Smurfit (Jeff)	585	-21	..	..	
4,639,000	Usher Walker	218	-6	14.7	6.7	
3,562,000	VPI Gp	8	..	2.1●	28.3	
84.0m	WPP	148	+22	..	..	
188.6m	Wace	280	-3	10.7	3.8	
145.1m	Waddington (J)	183	..	10.6	5.7	
104.7m	Watmough	405	●+15	13.7	3.4	
3,981,000	Waverley Cam	8½	-½	..	..	77
1,739.3m	Wiggins Teape Apltn	215	-5	11.1	6.2	

PROPERTY

SHOES, LEATHER

TEXTILES

TOBACCOS

TRANSPORT

WATER

BRITISH FUNDS

Stock outstanding £	Stock	Price last Friday	Ch'ge on week	Int only yld%	Gross Red yld%
SHORTS (Under Five Years)					
396m	Treas 3% 1991	99⅛	+⅛	3.0	..
395m	Fund 5¾% 1987-91	99½●	..	5.8	..
1323m	Treas 8% 1991	98	..	8.2	..
994m	Treas C10% 1991	99⅝	..	10.1	..
1547m	Exch 11% 1991	99⅞●	..	11.0	..
2194m	Treas 11¾% 1991	99⅝	..	11.8	..
467m	Treas 3% 1992	93½	+⅛	3.2	..
1507m	Treas 8% 1992	97¼●	-⅛	8.2	..
1538m	Treas 10% 1992	99¼	-⅛	10.1	..
1267m	Treas C10¼% 1992	99⅝	-⅛	10.5	..
1377m	Exch 12¼% 1992	102	-⅛	12.0	..
705m	Treas 12¾% 1992	101¼	..	12.8	..
1828m	Exch 13½% 1992	103⅝	-¼	13.0	..
558m	Fund 6% 1993	92¼	..	6.5	..
771m	Treas 8¼% 1993	96⅝	-⅛	8.8	..
1838m	Treas 10% 1993	99⅝●	-⅛	10.1	..
1147m	Treas 12½% 1993	104¼	-⅛	12.0	..
1145m	Treas 13¾% 1993	107⅝	-⅛	12.8	..
1725m	Treas 8½% 1994	95⅛	-⅛	8.9	..
1542m	Treas 9% 1994	96⅝	-⅛	9.3	..
1321m	Treas 10% 1994	99⅝	-⅛	10.1	..
1318m	Exch 12½% 1994	106⅛	-⅛	11.8	..
1192m	Exch 13½% 1994	109⅝●	-⅛	12.4	..
608m	Treas 14½% 1994	110⅝	-⅛	13.1	..
180m	Gas 3% 1990-95	84½●	+½	3.6	..
2101m	Exch 10¼% 1995	100	-⅛	10.2	..
2477m	Treas 12% 1995	105⅝	-⅛	11.4	..
915m	Treas 12¾% 1995	109	-⅛	11.7	..
FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS					
733m	Treas 9% 1992-96	96½	..	9.3	..
1095m	Conv 10% 1996	99⅛	-⅛	10.1	..
897m	Exch 13¼% 1996	110⅛	-⅛	11.9	..
829m	Treas 14% 1996	112½	-⅛	12.4	..
1542m	Treas 15¼% 1996	118½●	..	12.9	..
3308m	Treas 8¾% 1997	93½	..	9.4	..
3139m	Exch 10½% 1997	101¼	..	10.4	..
1448m	Treas 13¼% 1997	112¼	+⅛	11.8	..
1003m	Exch 15% 1997	120½●	..	12.4	..
850m	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	85	● ..	7.9	..
2903m	Exch 9¾% 1998	97⅝	..	10.0	..
5239m	Exch 12% 1998	108¼	+⅛	11.0	..
1179m	Treas 15½% 1998	126⅝●	+⅛	12.3	..
1212m	Treas 9½% 1999	96⅛	+⅛	9.8	..
1551m	Conv 10¼% 1999	100⅛	+⅛	10.2	..
1272m	Treas 10½% 1999	101⅝	+⅛	10.3	..
3201m	Exch 12¼% 1999	110⅝	+⅛	11.1	..
1080m	Treas 8½% 2000	82	..	10.4	..
2545m	Conv 9% 2000	94	+⅛	9.6	..
2358m	Treas 13% 2000	115¼	+⅛	11.3	..
695m	Conv 9¾% 2001	86⅝	..	11.2	..
2394m	Treas 10% 2001	98⅛	+⅛	10.1	..
1107m	Treas 14% 1998-01	117⅛	+⅛	11.9	..
720m	Exch 9% 2002	81⅛	..	11.0	..
3216m	Treas 9¾% 2002	97⅛	+⅛	10.0	..
618m	Conv 10% 2002	87½●	..	11.4	..
1005m	Treas 10% 2003	98⅛	+⅛	10.1	..
1599m	Treas 13¾% 2000-03	117⅝	..	11.7	..
253m	Fund 3½% 1999-04	57⅛	+⅛	6.1	..
1443m	Conv 9½% 2004	95⅝●	+⅛	10.0	..
1732m	Treas 11½% 2001-04	106⅛	+⅛	10.8	..
2532m	Conv 9½% 2005	95½●	+⅛	9.9	..
2543m	Treas 12½% 2003-05	116	+⅛	10.8	..
OVER FIFTEEN YEARS					
1510m	Treas 8% 2002-06	83⅛●	+⅛	9.5	..
1233m	Treas 8½% 2007	88⅝	+⅛	9.6	..
3487m	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	110⅝	+⅛	10.6	..
1679m	Treas 9% 2008	93⅛●	+⅛	9.6	..
1348m	Treas 13½% 2004-08	123⅝	+⅛	10.9	..
843m	Treas 8% 2009	84⅛	+⅛	9.5	..
207m	Conv 9% 2011	92⅝	+⅛	9.7	..
618m	Treas 5½% 2008-12	61⅞	+⅛	8.9	..
586m	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	80⅛	+⅛	9.6	..
1182m	Exch 12% 2013-17	119⅛	+⅛	10.1	..
UNDATED					
88m	Consols 2½%	24⅝●	..	10.1	..
118m	Treas 2½%	24⅝●	..	10.2	..
16m	Treas 3%	29⅛●	..	10.3	..
871m	War Ln 3½%	35⅛	..	9.9	..
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LEGAL BRIEF

Why should the courts move at a pace that may suit the judiciary but wastes the costly time of everyone else involved?

Anthony Scrivener, QC (right), reports on a Bar proposal to make the process faster

Early this year, the Bar promoted what many consider a revolutionary concept: that the courts should be run for the convenience of the people. We urged the tearing-up of the rule maintained by the civil service that a judge must never be kept waiting. This means that thousands of people involved in litigation have to hang around courts every day so that *judges do not* have to get out of their judicial chairs.

We have had a lot of support from the public and the profession, including judges, some of whom have "blown the gaff".

Practitioners send me lists showing ten cases listed for 10.30am, and have told of how their team, including doctors, plaintiff and witnesses, have waited stoically all day in a draughty corridor, only to be told around 3pm that there is no time for their case.

Yet nothing happens. Perhaps one day somebody will work out the cost of all this waiting.

The test that the legal system should be run for the people should be applied to other areas as well. The Bar is continually being criticised for not charging on the *basis of* an *hourly rate*, as most solicitors' firms do. I can see at once the benefits of charging the hapless client on the basis of an hourly rate. The more inefficient the service, the more hours will be earned.

If the lawyer, through incompetence, embarks on *hours of* wasted research, it is the client who pays. I have never understood what is wrong with the "job lot" approach. If you underestimate the cost, it is down to the lawyer who is supposed to be the expert, not the client who is not. Consumer resistance in the United States to the hourly rate is increasing. It takes a good advocate to try to defend it.

So when the advisory committee set up by the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990 starts its deliberations to decide who shall have rights of audience in the courts, the touchstone should be what is best for the people.

At one end of the scale, there are *the public bodies, big companies* and the rich; at the other are the ordinary people who cannot afford to pay an hourly or any rate for legal services and who need legal aid.

All should have access to the same corps of advocates. We do not want the public-defender system, in which the poor on legal aid get the young and inexperienced, who, when they have cut their teeth on the legally aided, are ready to work full-time for the wealthy — a sort of progression into opulence.

Everybody must have the same choice and the opportunity to choose the best advocate for the case. No advocate or litigator *should* be forced on a client by some condition of business. The client has the right to make a free and informed choice in an open and competitive market.

You do not achieve this by your friendly neighbourhood lawyer requiring you to sign a "tying-in" clause requiring you to accept both the firm's litigation and advocacy services. Tying-in requirements are anti-competitive and against the public interest. The Law Society *has* rightly *protested* against such clauses in the case of tying in conveyancing services to the provision of residential property loans, and this is now prohibited in the Courts and Legal Services Act. I hope the society's protests will be equally strong against tying in advocacy on litigation services. There should be freedom of choice.

We are still reeling from the effects of the Birmingham Six case. The debates about why it happened and what can be done to prevent its happening again will no doubt continue. The Royal Commission will begin its deliberations, and the advisory committee will have to consider whether it is in the interests of the public to create for the first time in this country an advocate who is a professional employed prosecutor, somebody who never defends and whose only function is to prosecute.

At present, barristers in criminal work do both. They are independent of the prosecuting authority and are able to exercise independent judgment free from any possibility of being influenced by career prospects or duty to superiors or others. They *are* free to decide whether the case should or should not proceed and the manner in which the case is presented.

If you are involved in litigation in British courts, you will have plenty of time to consider these problems as you wait for your case to be heard.

While you wait, you can give a helping hand to a plaintiff in a wheelchair being carried up countless stairs to the court where he or she is hoping to recover damages, or you can help to entertain some *young children who have nowhere* to go other than the corridor outside the courtroom. However, you will always remember the tingle of excitement when, having waited all day pacing up and down, the gentleman from the listing office arrives and you crowd around to hear the latest news — "We may have a judge free by mid-afternoon". That is a moment to treasure.

● *The author is chairman of the Bar.*

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University lecturer with tenure cannot be dismissed for redundancy

Regina v Visitor of the University of Hull

Before Lord Justice Taylor and Mr Justice Rougier

[Judgment March 27]

A university lecturer appointed with tenure until retiremnent and removal only for good cause but with terms of employment which included a provision for termination on three months' notice was only removable for good cause and could not be removed on the ground of redundancy.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held when granting the applicant, Edgar Page, judicial review of the decision by the Lord President of the Privy Council acting on behalf of her Majesty the Queen as Visitor of Hull University, to reject Mr Page's petition to have set aside his dismissal on three months' notice on the ground of redundancy.

Mr Jeffrey Burke, QC and Mr Brian Langstaff for Mr Page; Mr Philip Havers for the Visitor; Mr Leolin Price, QC and Mr Hubert Picarda for the university.

LORD JUSTICE TAYLOR said that Mr Page applied for a post in the department of philosophy at Hull University in 1966. Tenure was "subject to the statutes of the university . . . and to any conditions prescribed . . . at the time of the appointment". He was to vacate his office on September 30 following the date on which he attained 67 years.

The letter of appointment said, *inter alia*: "The appointment may be terminated by either party on giving three months notice in writing . . ."

In 1988 the university decided to cut its staff and by a letter on June 30 informed the applicant that his employment would be terminated on October 2 on the ground of redundancy. He was given three months notice.

The Visitor sought the advice of Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle who, having heard evidence and considered the matter, advised that the university was entitled so to dismiss the applicant.

Two issues arose: did the Divisional Court have power to review the decision by the Visitor as to the construction of university statutes; if so, was the Visitor's construction correct?

Jurisdiction

In *Thomas v University of Bradford* ([1987] 1 AC 795) the House of Lords confirmed the exclusive jurisdiction of the Visitor in relation to disputes about the interpretation and enforcement of the university's statutes.

However, Lord Griffiths, referring to the absence of any right of appeal from the Visitor to the Court of Appeal or House of Lords, said that the writs of *mandamus* and prohibition had long been held to go to compel a Visitor to act or restrain him from acting in the exercise of his jurisdiction and later that he had "no doubt that in the light of the modern development of the administrative law, the High Court would have power . . . to quash a decision of the Visitor which amounted to an abuse of his powers."

In reaffirming the exclusive jurisdiction of the Visitor the House of Lords was not exempting him from judicial review. Exclusive jurisdiction meant simply that there was no concurrent jurisdiction in the court to entertain an action regarding matters within the Visitor's jurisdiction.

Initially, recourse was to be had to the Visitor and there was no appeal but there was supervisory jurisdiction. *The* question was as to the scope of such judicial review.

The respondent asserted that judicial review only extended to two of the three grounds categorised by Lord Diplock in *CCSU v Minister for the Civil Service* ([1985] AC 374), that is, a Visitor could be reviewed on grounds of irrationality or procedural impropriety but not on the ground of illegality: error of law.

His Lordship said that the use of the broad phrase "abuse of its powers" by Lord Griffiths in that case did not justify a restrictive interpretation. That was especially so since the interpretation of the university's statutes was an issue in *Thomas*. Lord Ackner's reference (at p828A) to judicial review was unqualified.

In *R v University of London. Ex parte Vijayatunga* ([1988] 1 QB 332) the applicant contended that those examining her doctorate were insufficiently qualified. Her challenge to the dismissal by the Visitor of her petition was based essentially on his approach to the exercise of his powers.

Lord Justice Kerr in the Court of Appeal (at p334) considered that the general principles of judicial review were the same for the acts and decisions of Visitors as in other cases.

Although *obiter*, that passage afforded the present applicant strong support since Lord Justice Kerr was considering *the* instant situation of a challenge to the Visitor's interpretation of university statutes.

There was no binding authority on the point in issue but Professor Wade in his authoritative *Administrative Law* (6th edition (1988) p646) said: ". . . visitatorial jurisdiction has now been held to be subject to judicial review in the ordinary way".

In principle one would think that if there were to be any limitation on the scope of review it would be to limit interference *in assessments on* the facts rather than to exclude the correction of errors of law.

It had been held that the power of the court to intervene by judicial review extended even to the interpretation of the rules of a self-regulating body, provided that it performed public law duties and was required to act judicially: see *R v Panel on Takeovers and Mergers, Ex parte Datafin* ([1987] 1 QB 815).

Here the statutes of the university were part of the Royal Charter founding it. The university was a publicly funded body, performing a public service. It was an important element in the state education system.

Its discharge of its functions and the true construction of its statutes were clearly matters in the public domain. In his Lordship's opinion therefore judicial review was available.

Construction

Section 33 of the university statutes provided for the removal of the chancellor, pro-chancellors, treasurer and any member of the court or the council of the university for *"good cause"* which was defined as meaning the conviction of any "felony or misdemeanour" judged to be of an "immoral, scandalous or disgraceful nature"; physical or mental incapacity preventing the proper execution of the duties of the office or any conduct judged immoral scandalous or disgraceful.

Section 34 provided for the removal of members of the teaching, research and administrative staff and included the vice-chancellor, all officers of the university including professors and members of the staff holding their appointments until the age of retirement.

They could be removed for good cause and paragraph (1) allowed for the consideration of their cases by a joint committee of the university council.

Paragraph (2) set out the meaning of good cause and paragraph (3) provided: "Subject to the terms of his appointment no member of the teaching research or administrative staff . . . shall be removed save upon the grounds specified in paragraph 2 . . ."

Section 35 dealt with the retirement of the academic staff.

It was common ground that there was no "good cause" for dismissing the applicant; that all full-time lecturers were appointed by letters similar to that of the applicant; that there was a distinction between appointments on a permanent basis and those for a fixed term or on probation and that the applicant was appointed until the age of retirement and was thus on a permanent not fixed term or probationary appointment.

Accordingly, he fell within section 34(1). The issue was as to the effect of the phrase in section 34(3) "subject to the terms of his appointment".

The university contended and the Visitor had accepted that the applicant fell not only within section 34(1) but also 34(3) since he was a member of the teaching staff. Therefore the embargo on removing him from office other than for good cause was modified by the opening proviso in section 34(3).

The university was claimed to be entitled to put into his letter of appointment a term pre ing for three months notic either side. They did so a was effective.

Counsel for the appli argued that permanent were in a different category those appointed for fixed t who needed to enjoy secu from dismissal for gro other than good cause.

Section 34(1) it was provided secure tenure for t appointed until retirement; section 34(3) that applied to staff other than those aln mentioned in section 33 section 34(1); not to the brass" or those appointed retirement but only those fixed terms or probation.

There was a hierarchy of t grades of staff: section 33 c with the highest grade, movable only by the court only for limited categorie good cause; next came the g specified in section 34(1), ing their appointments unti age of retirement and who c only be removed for good c there set out; third, the re the staff in section 34(3) could only be removed for cause "subject to the tern *their appointments*".

Thus they could be rem other than for good cause if contracts of service so provi

That interpretation consistent with the inclusic three months notice on e side in the applicant's cont The provision allowed hi give three months notice specified three months n from the university if it missed him for good cause.

Thus the notice sentenc the letter of appointment plemented the provision section 34(1) and (2). It dic conflict with or override th

The only point of mentio appointments until the ag retirement must have bee draw some distinction in t of tenure between them an rest. It could not have intended to give secure tenu section 34(1) only to swe away in section 34(3).

His Lordship held that interpretation was correct.

Mr Justice Rougier agree

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Orders not to be made against those incapable of complying

Wookey v Wookey
In re S (a Minor)

Before Lord Justice Glidewell, Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Butler-Sloss

[Judgment March 27]

A non-molestation injunction should not be granted against a person who was incapable within the McNaghten Rules of understanding that what he was doing was wrong because he would not be capable of complying with it.

A non-molestation injunction ought not to be granted against a minor where it was unlikely to be effectively enforced.

The Court of Appeal so held in a reserved judgment when (1) allowing the appeal of the Official Solicitor against the decision of Judge Quentin Edwards, QC, on November 15, 1990 to continue the non-molestation order made by Judge Dobry, QC, on October 19, 1990 on an application by Mrs Wookey to restrain Mr Wookey, a patient detained under section 3 of the Mental Health Act 1983, and (2) dismissing the appeal of the sister of a minor, S, from the refusal by Judge Tibber in Edmonton County Court on August 24, 1990 of a non-molestation order in the light of the minor's age of 15.

Mr James Munby, QC and Mr Edward Fitzgerald for Mr Wookey and S; Mr Michael Horowitz, QC and Miss Catryn McCann for the sister; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Stephen Bellamy for Mrs Wookey.

LORD JUSTICE BUTLER-SLOSS said that there were grounds in both cases upon *which a non-molestation order* might properly have been made if the defendants were not under a disability.

It would be rare, where the court had to balance the protection of the applicant against the disability of the respondent, to grant even an interlocutory injunction against a respondent whose mental incapacity was such that he was known not to be able to understand the order applied for.

That was particularly important since a penal notice would be attached and he would be served personally with an order warning him of the penalty of imprisonment for contempt of court, a penalty which would not be likely to be enforced if he was incapable of understanding the order breached.

The issue in the second case was not whether the minor understood the order but whether there were effective means of enforcement of that order and, if not, whether an injunction should have been granted.

There were three ways in which an order of a superior civil court could be enforced: by committal to prison for a period not exceeding two years, but it was not in dispute that there was no jurisdiction to commit a 15 year old to prison, by sequestration of property, which would be an unrealistic procedure for this minor, or by *a fine*.

It was possible, and indeed probable, that in certain cases a fine for disobedience to a court order by a minor could have a salutary effect and that even a small fine would bite if the income of the minor was small. However, there had to be s income.

Where there was a possibility from the past his of a minor that he might obey an order, any order f fine made against a boy u school leaving age with evidence to show that he earning any money woul ineffective and a waste of t The judge had been ent right in exercising his discr and the use of common sen

In the vast majority of c where the minor was sti school age, or unempl recourse to the civil courts not the appropriate proced

Barristers and solicitors sulted by relatives of viole unmanageable teenagers o to think very carefully b advising the institution of proceedings to regulate unacceptable behaviour.

In the last year the court been told that there were s ten such family applicatio the county court involvin official solicitor as guardia the minor.

The court was conce about the use of public mo particularly the use of legal to fund applications whic they were similar to the pre were doomed to failure. O than the exceptional case, applications should be couraged and other reme sought within the sphere public rather than private l

Lord Justice Glidewell Lord Justice Ralph Gi agreed.

Solicitors: Official Solicit D. Spicer & Co, Lower Edm ton; Bindman & Partners Pancras.

Techno team engage all systems

Solicitors now find they need information technology. However, as **Edward Fennell** found, the right advice is equally important

Law firms are still having problems with information technology. A northern solicitor confessed he had d to dump a system, bought just a uple of years ago, because it could t do what he required. He had en badly advised by consultants.

At a time when all firms are trying cut costs, solicitors cannot afford istakes with IT. Services such as bt collection are a serious propoion only if automated. Others, ch as case management, litigation pport and personal injury, can nefit enormously from a finely ned IT system.

Meanwhile, clients often want mpatibility with their own software. Therefore, IT investment is o longer just about word processg, billing and desktop publishing. now goes to the heart of the legal rvice. So whatever the quality of our expertise, you could be let own if you make a mistake in oice of hardware and software.

As a result, computer-illiterate licitors are having to turn to nsultants for help. However, as e northern lawyer found, there are enty of mediocre consultants.

Large firms, therefore, are build g up their own *internal* consultancy services. Linklaters & aines, *for example*, has a team of ree senior computer professionals o *manage its system*. Dr Andrew aylor, of Lancaster university, *who is an "internal consultant"* to Linklaters, says the firm is committed to long-term IT planning and strategy. However, this can excite tantrums from those who want a "quick fix" solution.

"Lawyers sometimes come to me asking for a computer solution to their immediate needs," Dr Taylor says. "Often in those cases we cannot respond at once because what they want is not consistent with the long-term strategy. So we have to ask them to be patient, and some of them find that frustrating."

Dr Taylor's strength at Linklaters is that he is not on the full-time staff and can distance himself from the day-to-day stresses of running the firm. Although law firms in general are suspicious of consultants they are realising increasingly that good-quality consultancy is essential for effective investment in IT.

Consequently, the Peat Marwick McLintock solicitors' consulting unit now earns 55 per cent of its income from IT consulting work. Neil Cameron, who works in the unit, points out that IT consulting often leads to strategic consulting. "Before providing an IT solution we need to understand what the business plan is," he explains. "IT serves the business strategy."

Peat and Touche Ross are probably *the leading national consultants* able to provide both the *business* and the *IT service*. Gary Simon, of Touche Ross, says the recession *offers* firms an *ideal time* to reflect on their *IT* needs. *As* partners are under less pressure from clients, there *is* an opportunity for "visioning" — deciding what their needs are *likely* to be during the next five years.

However, partners are still slow to consider future needs. Mr Simon says: *"Because of partners' commitment* to fee-earning and their *reluctance to become deeply in*volved in management there are problems persuading them to think deeply about this. *But* without this process we cannot do our job in analysing their *IT* needs."

Mr Simon can already name *firms that have lost potential cli*ents, particularly Americans, because of their *inadequate IT. In a* recent case a firm was forced into *surrender because its litigation sup*port unit was hopelessly outgunned by the other side's IT resources.

So although the cost of large consultancies may deter small firms, making a wrong investment would be even worse. Unfortunately, *IT* becomes just another of those elements making it *harder* for smaller firms to stay in business. Invest or die seems to be the message.

An outside man on the inside: Dr Andrew Taylor. Right: members of the Touche Ross solicitors' information technology consulting team, Chris Rees (left), John Reeve (front) and Gary Simon

Banks are warned to build in safeguards if they finance Kuwait's reconstruction

Cautionary tales from the Gulf

HE rebuilding of Kuwait is ely to give banks worthhile work in the Gulf proded they learn from their periences in the area during e past decade.

In particular they need to -assess the kind of financing ckage developed during the rly Eighties by banks lendg to contractors involved in e development of Saudi rabia's infrastructure.

Typically, the projects the anks were financing in this rea involved the building of chools, universities, hospitals nd roads, which, by their ature and because of political d economic considerations, ere not income-producing. he banks judged the advisbility of supporting a project the financial standing of e employer, which, in Saudi rabia, was often one of the inistries.

Frequently, the only security taken by the banks was an assignment and charge of the contract proceeds payable by the employer from time to time in accordance with the contract provisions. The banks seemed to accept that, provided the contractor met obligations under the contract, the employer's undoubted creditworthiness made further protection unnecessary. The logic of this argument was flawed for several reasons and banks should remember some of the basic misconceptions when they consider what their requirements will be when similar situations arise in Kuwait.

First, banks tended regard these financing packages as limited recourse — the completion of the contract and payment by the employer were the only certain means whereby the banks would be repaid. In most cases, this was not the original intention of the parties involved. If joint venture contractors are involved, banks should obtain comprehensive parent company guarantees. In the case of local contractors banks should ask for further security, preferably under a jurisdiction where it can be easily enforced.

Second, banks must monitor more carefully the progress of the contract they are financing. In many instances in Saudi Arabia, banks would accept a fairly cursory monthly progress report. Accordingly, they were not aware as they should have been when problems arose, and they often advanced more money to the contractor when it was in dispute with the employer about cost over-runs or change orders that went to the heart of the contract.

Even more disastrously, contractors were occasionally able to perform one contract with finance made available for an entirely separate contract, with the obvious consequences. When the results of this inadequate monitoring came to light, banks would only then react by using their own independent consultants to watch progress until the completion of the project. However, by that time, the facilities were usually in default and the banks were trying to minimise their losses.

The banks should also seek further restrictions when obtaining security. An assignment of the contract proceeds frequently allowed the proceeds to "wash through" the assigned account, enabling the contractor to meet its cash-flow needs without asking the banks for more money.

The obvious result was that the credit balance in the account was minimal. When, therefore, problems arose and the employer stopped making payments into the account, the security the banks purportedly held was worthless until the employer again started payments to provide a greater "float" giving more protection for the banks, like parent company guarantees or "off-shore" security.

STEPHEN PARISH

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INNS AND OUTS

A century of caring

THE prison medical service has been attacked in recent years both in and out of Parliament, particularly over deaths in custody. Yet there are no plans to reform the system, which denies prisoners, including those on remand, access to a doctor of their choice. A new book, *Medical Power in Prisons: The Prison Medical Service in England 1774-1989*, by Joe Sim, analyses the history of the service and the power it wields, and, in the author's words, "challenges the view that medical care for prisoners has been a journey from barbarism to enlightenment".

Mr Sim has used a mass of material, *including the writings* of prisoners and transcripts of inquests, to show that in some ways the system *has deteriorated*. When considering deaths in custody 100 years ago, for example, the coroner's inquest played a far more prominent role in calling the medical service to account, and coroners' juries were able to record detailed allegations of lack of care — a power no longer available in coroners' courts, which can return only an unelaborated verdict of "lack of care".

Time to train

THE Home Office is clearly *bracing itself for a huge training* task now that the Children *Act will be in force at the end* of the year. Officials have *ordered 1,200 packs on the act* at a cost of £38,000 from the *Open University for use in the* training of justices' clerks. *Under the act the clerks have* the key role of allocating the *children's cases to the right* tier of court as they come in.

Don't leave it

THE Law Society is to run a campaign to encourage people to make wills. The aim is to show people they need to make a will and to point out the problems when somebody dies intestate. Only 25 per cent of adults have a will.

The campaign is also aimed at encouraging people not to think of a will as a "death wish" but to see it as positive provision for family and friends. The campaign is part of a wider project to enhance the profile of solicitors involved in this work. The society wants to get rid of the image of will-making as Dickensian and will try instead to create a link in people's minds with word processors and plain English.

The campaign coincides with the first booklet on making wills by the Royal National Institute for the Blind. "How to Make or Change Your Will" is available in braille, standard print and large print, and on tape.

Words of the law

WHEN the Scottish Faculty of Advocates' coffee room became the Lady Advocates' gown room, the faculty lost its main source of gossip. With members now spread far and wide, the faculty has decided to issue a newsletter, *The Advocate*. The brief is to keep faculty members up to date on issues, "particularly at this time of strain and potential change", says Alan Johnson, QC, the dean of the faculty, in the first issue. His report on the negotiations between the Scottish Law Society and the advocates on solicitors' rights *of audience* shows the issue is causing as much controversy *north as south* of the border. The debate in Scotland appears *to centre on the question* of "attachment", where a *solicitor would be required to* spend time with an advocate. A rather contented Mr Johnson says: "The number of *people available is such that* the whole process may take a *considerable period of time*. This is concerning the Law Society, but seems to me to be inevitable." Is attachment the Scottish *equivalent* of the English cab rank rule?

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VOLLEYBALL

Fullerton surprise selection for event

By RODDY MACKENZIE

JEFFERSON Williams, the England senior men's coach, produced a surprise in naming his squad for the British Volleyball Federation (BVF) championships in Sheffield next weekend by including Stuart Fullerton, who has not played in league competition for a year.

Fullerton's ability is without question but that he has been chosen purely on performances during England training sessions is something of a gamble by Williams. Formerly with Aquila, Fullerton is now unattached although, after taking a year off from the competitive game, it is believed he will return next season.

Williams has named an experienced side, although it seems short on cover for Richard Dobell, the setter, who has been struggling to shrug off injury in recent weeks. The only uncapped members are Mark Tull, of Purbrook, and Clayton Lucas, of Speedwell Rucanor.

With only 11 players named yesterday, Williams is likely to bring in an extra man before the end of the week, possibly the experienced and versatile Phil Newton.

England will start as the favourites for the title, although they were beaten in last year's final by Scotland, in front of a partisan crowd in Glasgow.

Scotland, as ever, will be thoroughly prepared and much will depend on whether their key players can produce peak form. Tommy Dowens, the recently appointed Scottish coach, has included two uncapped players in Paul Gilmour, of Team Lander, and Mark McGregor, of Bellshill Cardinals.

"It's the nucleus of the squad that won the title last year. I think both ourselves and England have improved since then and it should make for a good final — that's if we both make it," Dowens said. Scotland have lost three of their squad to the Great Britain Students team, which is using the Sheffield event as preparation for the World Student Games in July.

SQUADS: England: R Dobell (Mizuno Malory), A Blatchez (Mizuno Malory), P Bene (Mizuno Malory), M Jones (Mizuno Malory), A Pincott (Speedwell Rucanor), V Joyce (Speedwell Rucanor), C Lucas (Speedwell Rucanor), J Jankowski (Polonia Ealing), A Roberts (MGI Wessex), M Tull (Purbrook Portsmouth), S Fullerton (unattached). **Scotland:** N Vine (Elliott Sports Jets), S Elms (Elliott Sports Jets), G Marshall (Elliott Sports Jets), R Spratt (Elliott Sports Jets), I Grubb (Team Lander), J Orr (Team Lander), P Gilmour (Team Lander), P Carruthers (Team Novasport), F Morton (Team Novasport), A Thomas (Krystal Klear), M McGregor (Bellshill Cardinals), M Owens (Kinloch Plant).

CYCLING

Thriving on busy schedule

By PETER BRYAN

CHRIS Boardman is the rider, it seems, who cannot help winning. Britain's double time-trial champion launched himself yesterday into another meeting with his Scottish rival, Graeme O'Bree, less than 24 hours after victory in the Lakes 216 miles road race.

The Scot, off ten minutes ahead of Boardman in the Weaver Valley 25 at Byley, in Cheshire, was the first to finish, breaking the course record by 4½ minutes with a time of 52min 38sec.

The gauntlet was down. Boardman, already with an important victory over his rival this season, was seeded No. 1 and started last of the 120 competitors. Intermediate time checks showed that he was trailing O'Bree but fortunes changed in the last ten miles when Boardman went ahead to win in 52min 18sec.

The exertions of the three previous days in the road race, in which he won two of the four stages as well as the overall title, did not take their toll, to Boardman's surprise. "I didn't think I'd win today before the start," he said. "And it wasn't until the last two miles I felt that my legs would hold out."

Boardman, concerned recently that he may be fit too soon in the season, thus endangering the defence of his national 25 miles title in June, has eased back his training to eight hours a week.

But his Easter supremacy has convinced him that all is well.

RESULT: Weaver Valley 25 miles: 1, C Boardman (Manchester Wheelers), 52min 18 sec (course record); 2, G O'Bree (Glasgow Wheelers), 52:38; 3, G Waddington (Pendle Forest), 57:06sec. Teams: Leigh Premier.

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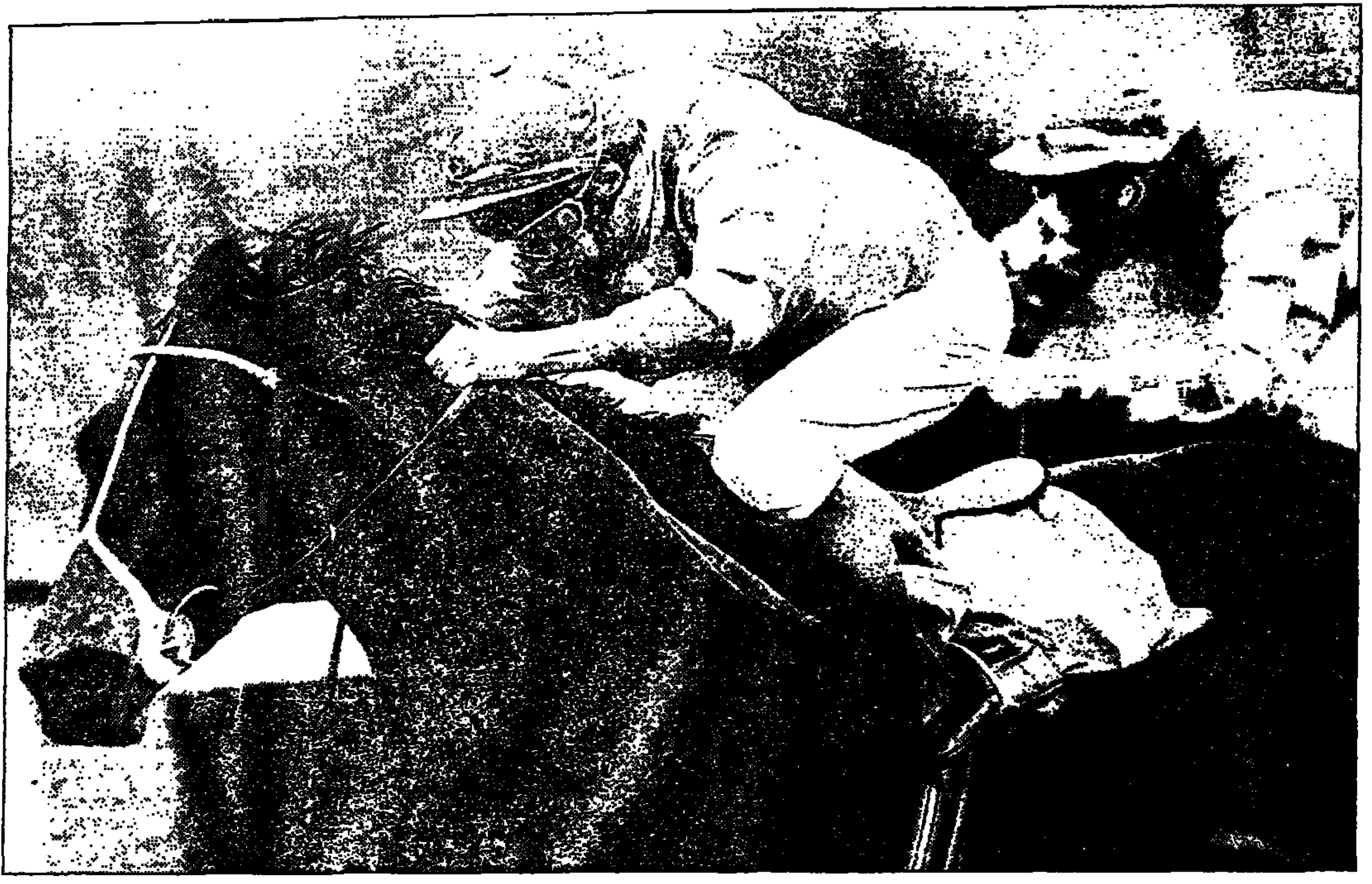

Central City, ridden by Bruce Raymond, makes an impressive start to her career with a fluent victory at Kempton Park yesterday

Banned Eddery has day to forget

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PAT Eddery was given a four-day suspension by the Kempton Park stewards yesterday after Osario had been disqualified and placed last after winning the Quail Stakes.

"I've no complaints," said the reigning champion jockey, accepting his punishment with good grace. "It was fair enough. My horse drifted across Miami Banker, who interfered with Haky."

The incident took place inside the first 200 yards of the straight six-furlong dash. Eddery, into his stride like lightning from the No 9 nine stall, crossed over too soon.

Although Osario's speed had carried him over three lengths clear of his rival two furlongs from home, the 3-1 favourite was tiring in the closing stages and the strong-finishing Haky was only three-quarters of a length adrift at the line. The Auction Bidder finished a further five lengths away third.

Haky, previously a winner and second on the all-weather at Southwell, is trained by Bill O'Gorman at Newmarket.

But Richard Hannon is now nursing ambitious plans for Osario, who chipped a bone in his knee after finishing runner-up to Anshaan in last season's Tote European Free Handicap. At that time, Osario was considered to be in the same class as Tirol, the English and Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, and also Rock City.

"He'll be even more effective over five furlongs," said the trainer. "When he comes out of the stalls, you'd think the grass was on fire."

Eddery was out of luck throughout the afternoon. Apart from being disqualified on Osario, he finished second on Nifty Fifty, Well Furnished and Lord Of Tusmore.

In the Redshank Fillies' Stakes, the Jack Berry-trained Nifty Fifty went straight into the lead but in the last furlong was worn down and comfortably beaten by Central City, who, in the hands of Bruce Raymond, initiated a double for Hannon, who later won at Warwick.

Hannon had been rubbing his hands with glee after Certain Risk, his first two-year-old runner of the season, had romped home by ten lengths on only the second day of the season at Doncaster. "The trouble is that I since had two two-year-olds stopping as if they were shot at Folkestone and here on Saturday. But Central City is a really nice filly and will improve a lot for this."

Well Furnished, Eddery's mount in the Durante Handicap, also came home strongly but Seamus O'Gorman had stolen a decisive lead on Double Entendre, who stayed on well to win by two lengths.

The 6-1 winner is trained by John Akehurst, who is to move from South Hatch stables to Foxhill at Lambourn, as his father Reg Akehurst is to move back to Epsom from Whitcombe Manor in June. "I'll be moving in about six weeks' time," he said. "But I've had 12 winners at Epsom so there's no reason why I shouldn't do well in Berkshire."

In the day's big race, the £25,000 Rosebery Handicap, Lord Of Tusmore was strongly fancied to make amends for his disappointing run in the Lincoln. But although the four-year-old stayed on strongly under Eddery's driving, Darryl Holland had gone clear on No Submission to win by two lengths.

Hateel was only a neck away in third place after looking the only danger to the winner half way up the straight.

Despite the starting price of 10-1, No Submission was strongly fancied by Charlie Nelson. "He was rated 96 after he won his maiden at Beverley and has been dropped to 72. He went to pieces on the hard ground last autumn and also got a hairline fracture.

"He has been working really well at home and after Akimbo had run so well in the second race today, I knew that we must nearly win," said the trainer.

The heaviest gamble of the afternoon took place in the Fyfield Maiden Stakes. Fly Away Soon, back from 11-4 to 9-4, romped home by 12 lengths to give Paul Cole his first winner of the season.

"He's in the French Derby," said the trainer. "And if he hadn't run green early in the straight, he'd have won even easier. If he stands up to the pressure, he could well make the grade. We'll give him his next race in one of the mile-and-a-half trials."

Cole also had news of Snurge, last season's St. Leger winner, who then finished third to Saumarez in the Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. "He's going well, but I wouldn't think of running him before June when we might send him for the Grand Premio de Milano. His main targets are the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes and then the Arc."

☐ Richard Dunwoody increased his lead over Peter Scudamore in the jockeys' championship to five (102-97) with one victory from six rides at Towcester yesterday. His solitary success came on Backpacker in the Alex Fetherstonhaugh Handicap Chase.

☐ Sally Oliver, the Wombourne trainer, and her daughter, Jacqui, teamed up to land a 95¼-1 treble at Uttoxeter yesterday with Bolshoi Boy (9-2), Noble Ben (6-1) and Shu Fly (6-4).

Omerta prevails in tremendous Fairyhouse duel

FROM OUR IRISH RACING CORRESPONDENT, DUBLIN

MARTIN Pipe threw his net far and wide over the Easter Monday Bank Holiday, but reaped his richest reward when Omerta captured the Jameson Irish Grand National by a short head from Cahervillahow in a tremendous finish.

The best-backed horse in the race, Omerta finished up a clear favourite at 6-1, but it took a protracted examination of the photo by the judge before those who had shared in the gamble knew they had collected.

Adrian Maguire, who had ridden Omerta to win the Kim Muir at Cheltenham, renewed the partnership, although it was touch and go whether he would get a doctor's clearance after sustaining an injury in the point-to-point field.

He got the good news late on Saturday, and now, four weeks short of his twentieth birthday, rode a remarkably well judged and powerful race to triumph.

He said afterwards: "Everybody who has been associated with Omerta advised me that getting the trip was no problem. That made up my mind to attempt to stretch the better-class horses in the field and I had him with the leaders from the start.

Coming down the hill for the final time, Omerta went on and he managed to steal a couple of valuable lengths after the third-last fence.

At this stage, a whole succession of potential challengers loomed up including Rawhide, Cahervillahow, Astral I Cool Ground, and Ma Magic. As Omerta rose second-last fence less tha lengths covered the first s the challenge was sharp duced with Rawhide and O' Magic falling.

It was left to Cahervillah provide the final test of co for the leader. For a few Cahervillahow, after switched to the far side, l like getting up, but Omert Adrian Maguire refused headed and hung on in the most exciting finishes at Fairyhouse for years.

The McMorrow family handsome tribute to the Martin Pipe, pointing on this must have been one greatest training feats of all Omerta had been throug hands of three Irish tra Homer Scott, Sandra Duff Jim Dreaper, before goi Martin Pipe last August history of a bad back unsound legs.

Although he is an ent Saturday's Seagram Granc ional, it is unlikely that h race again this season.

Fairyhouse deta

Going: good to soft

3.25 JAMESON IRISH GRAND NAT (Handicap chase: Ir£55,200: 1, OMERTA (Mr A Maguire, 6-1 Cahervillahow (C Swan, 8-1); Ground (J Frost, 7-1); 4, The Go O'Dwyer, 25-1). 22 ran. NR: Plenty Sh hd, dist. M Pipe at Wellingtor £6.90: £2.80, £2.30, £2.60, £4. £15.90. CSF: £50.33. Tricast: £38

Pitman triumph on Wonder Ma

MARK Pitman, who cracked his pelvis on Gold Cup day at Cheltenham, proved himself in good shape to ride Garrison Savannah, favourite for Saturday's Seagram Grand National, when he made a winning comeback on Wonder Man in the Welsh Champion Hurdle at Chepstow yesterday.

In contrast to Pitman, Peter Scudamore had to cancel his expected return and missed three winners for Martin Pipe at the meeting.

Pitman had been intending to return on Thursday, then he advanced it to tomorrow. However, his mother, Jenny, told him if that was the case he might as well ride Wondef Man.

Pitman jumped the 4-1 chance to the front at the second last and the six-year-old raced home in good style, four lengths ahead of Martin Pipe's 2-1 favourite Voyage Sans Retour.

Mrs Pitman, who confirmed that Garrison Savannah is in good heart, said: "I've always wanted to win a Champion Hurdle, although this is not quite Cheltenham. Wonder Man was cruising all the way up the straight but I wish h jumped the last a bit bett

"He'll now go for the Sc Champion Hurdle. Next s he'll stay over hurdles f Christmas Hurdle at Ke and then I'd like him to g fences in January. He'll n smashing chaser."

Scudamore rode out fo yesterday morning, then to trainer that he still didn' right.

The champion jockey is bled by a bruised backside. said: "He did a gallop looked all right and he w all right. If it had been would have tried a ride in but that's the true profes he is. He then helped m replacement jockeys."

It must have been a fr ing afternoon for Scudam Pipe saddled three winn the Welsh course — Sea Isl the Welsh Brewers No Chase, The Leggett in Beachley Handicap Chas Viking Flagship in the Fools Novices' Hu Scudamore also missed an Pipe winner, Balasani, in th race at Hereford.

RESULTS FROM 16 BANK HOLIDAY MEETINGS

9-2 nap

Mandarin (Michael Phillips) was in good form at Kempton Park yesterday, landing four winners including his nap Lovealoch (9-2).

Kempton Park

Going: good

2.0 (5f) 1, CENTRAL CITY (B Raymond, 4-1); 2, Nifty Fifty (Pat Eddery, 5-2 fav); 3, Foolish Dancer (R Price, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Chatley Heights, 13-2 Midnight Violet (5th), 7 Fair Share, 12 Masons Express, 16 Malaninkshea (6th), Reach Forward (4th). 9 ran. 1½l, 3½l, 4l, ½l, 2½l. R Hannon at East Everleigh. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £1.40, £3.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £14.20. 1min 02.17sec.

2.35 (1m 1f) 1, DOUBLE ENTENDRE (S O'Gorman, 5-1 fav); 2, Well Furnished (Pat Eddery, 11-2); 3, Witness Box (B Raymond, 7-1); 4, Akimbo (L Dettori, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Hymn Of Harlech, Super Morning, 12 Torghia, Ehudhud (5th), 14 Be My Runner, Walking Saint, Bournville (6th), 16 Vilanika, Thomas Leng, 25 Young Shadowfax, 33 Still Surprised, Super Lunar, 50 Invisible Halo, Banana Cufflinks, San Roque. 19 ran. 2½l, ½l, 2l, 2½l, 1¾l. J Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £4.60; £1.40, £1.40, £2.10, £5.20. DF: £7.00. CSF: £31.53. Tricast: £161.76. 1min 54.58sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

3.5 (6f) 1, HAKY (A Munro, 4-1); 2, The Auction Bidder (W Carson, 7-1); 3, Tigani (M Roberts, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 3 fav Osario, 4 Rivers Rhapsody (4th), 12 Centerland (5th), 16 Letsbeonestaboutit, 20 Miami Banker, Racketeer, 33 Bold Lez, 50 Mory Kante, Rivadavia. 12 ran. NR: Line Engaged. ¾l, 5l, nk, nk, 1l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. Tote: £7.10; £2.00, £1.90, £1.70. DF: £24.60. CSF: £32.91. 1min 13.80sec. Osario finished first but after a stewards' enquiry was disqualified and placed last. No official sixth place.

3.40 (1m 2f) 1, NO SUBMISSION (D Holland, 10-1); 2, Lord Of Tusmore (Pat Eddery, 7-2 fav); 3, Hateel (W Carson, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 13-2 Rapporteur, 8 Operation Wolf (5th), Eire Leath-Sceal (6th), 10 Camden's Ransom, 12 Fire Top, Fox Chapel, 14 Johns Joy (4th), Tell No Lies, 16 Golan Heights, 25 My Chiara, 33 Breezed Well, 50 Fairway Royale. 15 ran. 2l, nk, 6l, 3l, 2l. C Nelson at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £21.00; £3.80, £2.10, £2.70. DF: £33.50. CSF: £44.77. Tricast: £283.05. 2min 05.65sec.

4.10 (5f) 1, CHOIR PRACTICE (C Rutter, 7-1); 2, Pure Green (A Cruz, 13-2); 3, Eager Deva (S Perks, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Absolution (5th), 7 Chiboy, 8 Amron, 10 Respectable Jones (6th), Pendor Dancer, Profit A Prendre, 14 Ski Captain, Saint Navarro, 33 Across The Bay (4th), Old Comrades. 13 ran. ½l, 1¼l, 2l, 1l, 1½l. H Candy at Kingstone Warren. Tote: £8.40; £2.40, £2.10, £3.00. DF: £23.10. CSF: £48.13. Tricast: £413.27. 1min 01.23sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.40 (1m 2f) 1, FLY AWAY SOON (T Quinn, 9-4 fav); 2, Love Talk (J Williams, 7-1); 3, Colossus (M Roberts, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Hundra (5th), 9-2 Flying Down To Rio, 10 Mejaz, 12 Explosive Speed, 14 Cossack Strike, Extra High, Sagauche, 25 As Always, 33 Saldi, Wednesdays Auction, 50 Bold Resolution (6th), Haveyoualldone, Snow Blizzard, Tartan Tinker (4th), Carole's Guest, Nomica. 19 ran. 1½l, ¾l, 1l, ¾l, 5l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £3.70; £1.60, £1.90, £4.60. DF: £11.60. CSF: £20.85. 2min 07.82sec.

5.10 (1m) 1, LOVEALOCH (M Hills, 9-2; Mandarin's nap); 2, Paper Dart (N Carlisle, 12-1); 3, Smiling Sun (A Munro, 11-1); 4, The Cuckoo's Nest (M Roberts, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Diving, 8 Dahlawise, 10 Maggie Siddons, 12 Affair Of Honour (6th), 16 Diamond Cut, Conquete, Celestial Sky (5th), 20 City Solace, Air Time, Super Heights, Good Time Boy, Greenwich Bambi. 16 ran. Hd, 3½l, 1l, ¾l, ½l. M Bell at Newmarket. Tote: £4.70; £1.90, £4.70, £3.00, £1.80. DF: £168.20. CSF: £56.86. Tricast: £514.61. 1min 41.06sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £6,305.95 carried over to Liverpool Thursday).

Placepot: £57.60.

Newcastle

Going: heavy

2.15 (1m 4f 80yd) 1, TRICOTRIC (N Kennedy, 14-1); 2, Flitcham (E Johnson, 12-1); 3, Tanoda (S Maloney, 6-5 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Brigadier Bill (6th), Camden Knight (4th), 5 Cribella (5th). 6 ran. NR: Cosimo. 7l, 10l, nk, 2l, 25l. G Moore at Middleham. Tote: £20.70; £4.70, £2.80. DF: £127.80. CSF: £124.14. No official time for this race.

2.50 (1m) 1, LATIN QUARTET (W Lidwin, 3-1); 2, Tricycling (S Haworth, 3-1); 3, Latosky (K Rutter, Evens fav). ALSO RAN: 12 B Great (4th). 4 ran. ¾l, 20l, 6l. W Haggas at Newmarket. Tote: £3.90. DF: £6.60. CSF: £10.47.

3.20 (1m) 1, JUNGLE KNIFE (C Hodgson, 3-1); 2, Golden Ancona (P Sedgwick, 16-1); 3, Hickory Wind (N Connorton, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Vague Dancer, 7 Nakora Bistraya (6th), Qualitair Dream, 12 Laird Of Balmoral (4th), Skipper To Bilge, Marjons Boy, 16 Cashtal Dazzler (5th). 10 ran. 1½l, hd, ¾l, 2l, 1l. M Tompkins at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.80, £2.70, £5.70. DF: £27.30. CSF: £46.38. Tricast: £954.10.

3.55 (5f) 1, THREEPENCE (J Murray, 6-5 jt-fav); 2, Sense Of Priority (K Darley, 6-5 jt-fav); 3, Ayr Head (K Fallon, 14-1). ALSO: 5 Innocent George (4th). 4 ran. 2½l, 10l, 12l. J Berry at Cockerham. Tote: £1.90. DF: £1.90. CSF: £3.09.

4.30 (7f) 1, MATTS BOY (N Connorton, 10-1); 2, Run Milady (R P Elliott, 7-2); 3, Bold Arabella (J Murray, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Ewald (5th), 4 All Greek To Me (4th), 13-2 Job Lot (6th). 6 ran. 2l, 2½l, 7l, 8l, 6l. Miss S Hall at Middleham. Tote: £10.10; £1.80, £2.10. DF: £18.50. CSF: £40.95.

5.0 (7f) 1, SAGEBRUSH ROLLER (Dean McKeown, 13-8 fav); 2, Old Peg (M Birch, 6-1); 3, Grey Record (S Maloney, 9-4). ALSO RAN: 8 Danka Lad (5th), 9 Dancing Tudor (6th), 10 Too Much Champagne, Orchanda (4th). 7 ran. 6l, 1½l, 2l, ¾l, 30l. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: £2.90; £1.80, £2.40. DF: £9.10. CSF: £12.10. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

Placepot: not won (pool of £1,349.15 carried over to Warwick today).

Chepstow

Going: good to soft (good in back straight)

2.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, FERRYSTREAM (N Coleman, 8-1); 2, Hidden Dollar (C Llewellyn, 6-1); 3, My Key Silca (P Holley, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Malamute Saloon (pu), 9 Dexterous Lady, 10 Misty Lea, Silver Strings (6th), 12 Zeppelin (ur), Old Deer Park, 16 Bald Joker, Western Breeze (pu), 20 Senna Blue, Clifton Lad (pu), Royal Banner (pu), 25 Garry Pierro, Nuns Little One (5th), 33 Oriental Dream (4th), Cullin Ridge, 50 General Lee (ur), Mawdlyn Gate. 20 ran. 12l, 4l, 25l, 8l, 5l. J Baker at Tiverton. Tote: £14.30; £4.00, £2.60, £2.50. DF: £27.20. CSF: £58.12.

2.30 (2m hdle) 1, IVEAGH HOUSE (M Bowlby, 2-1 fav); 2, Music Wonder (Martin Jones, 11-1); 3, Love Anew (J Osborne, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Magnus Pym (f), 7 Shalchlo Boy (5th), 8 Oubliez L'Ennui (4th), 10 Might Move, 14 Little Toro (6th). 8 ran. Nk, 10l, 15l, 10l, 20l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £2.50, £2.10. DF: £17.00. CSF: £22.12.

3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, SEA ISLAND (G Bradley, 2-1); 2, Tildarg (J Osborne, 11-4); 3, Bumlet (W McFarland, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Strong Gold (5th), 10 False Economy (ref), 20 Indian Stream (pu), 50 Travistown (4th), 100 Gavenny Girl (pu). 8 ran. NR: Brief Encounter. 4l, 2l, 5l, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.40, £3.50. DF: £4.90. CSF: £7.88.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, WONDER MAN (M Pitman, 4-1); 2, Voyage Sans Retour (C Llewellyn, 2-1 fav); 3, Bokaro (G Bradley, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Beech Road, 9 Olveston, 10 Riverhead (6th), 12 Welsh Bard (5th), 25 Philosophos (4th). 8 ran. NR Bradbury Star. 4l, 10l, 4l, 12l, 5l. Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £4.50; £1.60, £1.70, £2.20. DF: £5.60. CSF: £12.32.

4.0 (3m ch) 1, THE LEGGETT (J Osborne, 100-30); 2, Bold Monk (H Davies, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Fenn Week (R Guest, 3-1 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Mister Hartigan (6th), 13-2 Vulgan Warrior (4th), 14 Eversome (f), 33 Mount Oliver (5th). 7 ran. 2½l, 20l, 3½l, 15l, 8l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £4.50; £1.90, £1.80. DF: £5.50. CSF: £13.29.

4.30 (2m hdle) 1, VIKING FLAGSHIP (J Osborne, 6-4 fav; Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Fighting Words (E Murphy, 12-1); 3, Singing Forever (Miss S Billot, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Olympian (5th), 7-2 Pinata (4th), 14 Another Buck (6th), 20 Barmoss (pu), 25 Maritime Fly (pu), 33 Grey Gypsy, 50 Arctic Ken, Boules, 100 Never Ever (pu), Rousid (pu). 13 ran. 5l, 25l, 2l, 2½l, 10l. M Pipe at Wellington. Tote: £2.50; £1.60, £3.00, £1.90. DF: £16.10. CSF: £20.88.

Placepot: £36.60.

Nottingham

Going: good

2.15 (6f) 1, Bowden Boy (M Simpson, 7-1); 2, Magnate's Crown (11-2); 3, Wanda's Dream (7-1). Night Sea 4-1 fav. 14 ran. 3½l, 3l. N Callaghan. Tote: £6.30; £2.30, £2.60, £2.40. DF: £16.20. CSF: £43.94.

2.45 (6f) 1, Zinbaq (S Wood, 11-2 fav); 2, Cronk's Quality (13-2); 3, Verro (11-1); 4, Bold Celt (33-1). 16 ran. 2½l, nk. C Benstead. Tote: £4.10; £1.60, £1.50, £3.00, £16.80. DF: £12.70. CSF: £41.01. Tricast: £359.52.

3.15 (1m 6f) 1, Majestic Image (D Harrison, 9-2); 2, White River (9-1); 3, Pondered Bid (20-1). Peanuts Pet 7-2 fav. 15 ran. ½l, 6l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £5.20; £2.00, £2.30, £19.80. DF: £27.50. CSF: £47.98. Tricast: £720.65.

3.45 (1m 50yd) 1, Corley Bay (D Harrison, 10-1); 2, Fizz Time (10-1); 3, Kinoko (4-1 fav). 15 ran. 6l, ¾l. Lord Huntingdon. Tote: £23.00; £4.80, £3.80, £1.60. DF: £220.30. CSF: £107.34.

4.15 (1m 50yd) 1, Green's Ferneley (N Day, 9-2); 2, Altermeera (25-1); 3, Man Of Gold (4-6 fav). 6 ran. 5l, 3l. W Haggas. Tote: £4.90; £1.50, £4.30. DF: £35.10. CSF: £83.31.

4.45 (1m 2f) 1, Prince Russanor (J Reid, 11-4 jt-fav); 2, Young Buster (7-2); 3, Lofty Lady (11-2). Lord Hastie 11-4 jt-fav. 10 ran. 1l, 4l. J Dunlop. Tote: £5.90; £1.70, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £5.20. CSF: £13.06.

5.15 (1m 2f) 1, Mardessa (R Lappin, 12-1); 2, Drinks Party (12-1); 3, Sillars Stalker (12-1); 4, In Truth (12-1). Merchant Of Venice 9-2 fav. 22 ran. Nk, 1¾l. F Lee. Tote: £40.10; £5.30, £3.60, £2.60, £3.90. DF: £614.10. CSF: £161.61. Tricast: £1658.84.

Placepot: £83.70.

Warwick

Going: good

2.0 (6f) 1, Noble Flutter (Paul Eddery, 11-2); 2, Rocton North (9-1); 3, Lucy Dancer (20-1). West Riding 4-5 fav. 10 ran. 7l, 2½l. P Chapple-Hyam. Tote: £5.20; £1.10, £2.80, £2.30. DF: £24.50. CSF: £50.70.

2.30 (5f) 1, Harry's Coming (A Tucker, 8-1); 2, Rambo Express (9-1); 3, Halvoya (12-1). Sobering Thoughts 5-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Shay. 2½l, 1½l. R Hodges. Tote: £8.70; £2.90, £3.60, £2.90. DF: £31.20. CSF: £66.94. Tricast: £767.02.

3.0 (1m) 1, Race To Time (J Fortune, 14-1); 2, Dominora (2-1 fav); 3, Run For Nick (9-1). 12 ran. NR: Blazing Fen. 1½l, hd. R Akehurst. Tote: £14.90; £3.00, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £16.40. CSF: £39.57. Tricast: £252.89.

3.30 (1m 2f 170yd) 1, Myfontaine (M Wigham, 20-1); 2, Glenscar (33-1); 3, State Of Affairs (20-1); 4, Great Hand (16-1). Bourbon Rose 9-4 fav. 18 ran. NR: May Queen. 5l, 2l. K Ivory. Tote: £32.30; £5.60, £6.20, £4.40, £7.20. DF: £937.90. CSF: £540.07. Tricast: £11325.11.

4.0 (1m 6f 180yd) 1, Windbound Lass (N Adams, 5-1); 2, Beau Quest (5-1); 3, Pearl Run (16-1). Light Dancer 3-1 fav. 11 ran. 5l, 1l. R Holder. Tote: £6.30; £2.40, £1.40, £2.60. DF: £7.70. CSF: £27.35. Tricast: £328.66.

4.30 (5f) 1, Mighty-Q (J Quinn, 15-2); 2, Where's The Risk (7-4 fav); 3, Ready To Draw (12-1). 11 ran. ¾l, 1½l. M Channon. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £1.70, £2.40. DF: £16.90. CSF: £20.70.

5.0 (1m) 1, Lambada Style (B Raymond, 4-1); 2, Daunt Not (7-2); 3, Come On My Girl (85-40 fav). 10 ran. 3l, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £6.10; £1.70, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £10.50. CSF: £17.72.

Placepot: £2,004.10.

Huntingdon

Going: good to firm

2.0 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Ullswater (T Protheroe, 4-1); 2, Rawaan (4-6 fav); 3, Harvest Splendour (4-1). 6 ran. 1¾l, 7l. F Jordan. Tote: £7.10; £2.80, £1.40. DF: £3.90. CSF: £8.02.

2.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Hilarion (D Murphy, 4-6 fav); 2, Beechmount Lad (7-1). 4 ran (only two finished). 12l. J Edwards. Tote: £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £5.66.

3.0 (2m 100yd hdle) 1, Aldington Bell (R Bellamy, 11-2); 2, Letterewe (3-1); 3, Kind's Smart (4-1). Lakino 2-1 fav. 8 ran. NR: City Index. Sh hd, 8l. C Trietline. Tote: £7.70; £1.90, £1.70, £1.70. DF: £17.60. CSF: £26.31. Tricast: £74.85.

3.30 (3m ch) 1, Another Troop (Mr D Townsend, 6-4 fav); 2, Jolly Fellow (10-1); 3, Badgers Mead (2-1). 4 ran. 25l, 1l. R Townsend. Tote: £2.40. DF: £9.70. CSF: £11.68.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Good Tonic (P Dever, 7-4); 2, Beach Park (3-1); 3, Mark's Methane (33-1). Abbreviation Evens fav. 4 ran. 1½l, dist. T Etherington. Tote: £2.80. DF: £3.20. CSF: £6.89.

4.30 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Hurricane Hugo (D Murphy, 11-8 fav); 2, Doonloughan (10-1); 3, Simmie (5-1). 13 ran. 2½l. J Gifford. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £4.00, £2.20. DF: £29.50. CSF: £21.78. Tricast: £66.96. After a stewards' enquiry the result stood.

Placepot: £49.70

Carlisle

Going: heavy

2.15 (2m 1f 110yd hdle) 1, Spanish Light (M Dunn, 16-1); 2, Ballycord (10-1); 3, Cadiord Balarina (14-1). Scottish Reform 4-1 fav. 24 ran. ½l, 3l. J Gledson. Tote: £55.70; £9.70, £5.20, £5.50. DF (winner or 2nd with any other): £15.70. CSF: £160.45. NR: Political Issue.

2.45 (3m ch) 1, Baride (M Malone, 3-1); 2, He Who Dares Wins (12-1); 3, Parsons Law (2-1 fav). 11 ran. NR: Sportsment. 6l, 8l. G Richards. Tote: £5.30; £1.70, £1.50, £1.60. DF: £12.40. CSF: £33.74.

3.15 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Possessive Plant (I O'Hara, 5-1 fav); 2, Hutner (13-2); 3, Glen Morvern (12-1); 4, Irish Flash (14-1). 17 ran. NR: Alan's Friend. 12l, 5l. L Lungo. Tote: £6.60; £3.30, £2.00, £4.50, £3.10. DF: £20.00. CSF: £36.66. Tricast: £362.68.

3.45 (3m 2f ch) 1, Jimmy River (Mr K Anderson, 8-1); 2, Carry Duff (11-4); 3, D C Flyer (5-1). 6 ran. 12l, 5l. G Winstanley. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.80. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.30.

4.15 (2m 100yd hdle) 1 Home To Roost (Mrs J Thurlow 7-2); 2, Vale Of Secrecy (4-1); 3, Portavogie (3-1 fav). 10 ran. NR: Change The Name, Galway Gal. 2½l, 3½l. F Jestin. Tote: £3.70; £1.90, £1.10, £2.50. DF: £8.80. CSF: £17.61. Tricast: £43.20.

4.45 (3m ch) 1, Share A Friend (M Maloney, 2-1 fav); 2, Borsean Owen (6-1); 3, Bow Handy Man (9-1). 11 ran. NR: Glass Mountain, The Maltkin, Rockcliffe. G Richards. 10l, dist. Tote: £2.80; £1.70, £2.10, £2.60. DF: £7.80. CSF: £18.53. Tricast: £108.96.

Placepot: £478.00

Newton Abbot

Going: good

2.15 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Relief Map (M A Fitzgerald, 7-1); 2, Mistress Monet (33-1); 3, Glit Preference (4-6 fav). 8 ran. NR: Ardesmed. 5l, 2l. K Bishop. Tote: £6.10; £1.30, £3.10, £1.40. DF: £52.60. CSF: £141.67.

2.50 (2m 5f ch) 1, Sirrah Jay (L Harvey, Evens fav); 2, Gembridge Jupiter (4-1); 3, Al Miak (8-4). 3 ran. 20l, dist. R Akehurst. Tote: £1.90. DF: £2.40. CSF: £5.95.

3.25 (2m 150yd hdle) 1, Sherzine (M A Fitzgerald, 11-2); 2, See Now (6-1); 3, Bellalong (2-1 fav). 14 ran. 3l, nk. M Retter. Tote: £6.10; £1.90, £3.40, £1.90. DF: £23.60. CSF: £55.62. Tricast: £115.45. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.0 (3m 2f 110yd ch) 1, Mayoran (N Hawke, Evens fav); 2, Master Gleason (6-1); 3, Shardon Hutch (16-1). 12 ran. 4l, 15l. D Barons. Tote: £1.90; £1.40, £2.30, £6.00. DF: £7.00. CSF: £9.41. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

4.35 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Cache Fleur (M Foster, 9-2); 2, Battle Drum (5-1); 3, Dress Up (33-1). Bustaale 2-1 fav. 11 ran. 2½l, ¾l. M Pipe. Tote: £5.10; £1.70, £1.90, £4.80. DF: £10.90. CSF: £27.03. Tricast: £609.15.

5.0 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Masingi (D Leahy, 16-1); 2, Military Band (4-1); 3, Vagog (7-4 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, sh hd. Mrs H Parrott. Tote: £18.30; £6.30, £1.70. DF: £33.20 CSF: £77.80.

Placepot: £287.90.

Market Rasen

Going: good (good to soft patches)

2.15 (2m 1f ch) 1, Rose Venture (Mr A Farrant, 11-8 fav); 2, Lingham Magic (8-1); 3, Tigers Pet (11-2). 8 ran. NR: Evening Affair. 25l, 10l. J Edwards. Tote: £2.00; £1.50, £1.80, £1.30. DF: £8.50. CSF: £11.74.

2.45 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Highfield Prince (L Wyer, 11-2); 2, Aribie (11-8 fav); 3, Goodby Venture (7-2). 9 ran. 8l, 4l. R O'Leary. Tote: £6.10; £1.80, £1.60, £1.50. DF: £17.10. CSF: £13.72. Tricast: £29.11.

3.20 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Threeoutoffour (M Brennan, 5-2 fav); 2, Unpaid Member (4-1); 3, Chaser's Bar (9-1). 9 ran. 3l, 2½l. O Brennan. Tote: £2.70; £1.20, £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.60. CSF: £12.12. Tricast: £66.04.

3.50 (3m ch) 1, Orwell Opinion (L Wyer, 14-1); 2, Fighting Jessica (8-5 fav); 3, Nudge Double Up (12-1). 6 ran. 20l, 10l. R O'Leary. Tote: £25.00; £4.10, £1.60, £3.40. DF: £14.40. CSF: £29.49.

4.25 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Knights (R Hyett, 3-1 fav); 2, Emerald Gem (7-2); 3, Laffadio (14-1). 19 ran. Nk, 12l. Mrs S Oliver. Tote: £3.90; £2.00, £1.70, £2.30. DF: £6.20. CSF: £13.38.

4.55 (2m 1f ch) 1, Glebe Spinney (S O'Neill (7-4 fav); 2, Clares Own (11-1); 3, Royal Cracker (3-1). 9 ran. 1l, 15l. J Wharton. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.80, £1.60. DF: £21.80. CSF: £19.91. Tricast: £49.60.

Placepot: £7.60.

Hereford

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m 3f hdle) 1, Castle Secret (D J Burchell, 3-1 jt-fav); 2, Troubadour Boy (8-1); 3, Kino (4-1). Annicombe Run, Embarkation 3-1 jt-favs. 12 ran. 15l, 15l. D Burchell. Tote: £6.30; £1.90, £2.10, £1.90. DF: £52.60. CSF: £26.97.

3.5 (2m 3f ch) 1, Walk In Rhythm (M Jackson, 6-1); 2, It's All Very Fine (14-1); 3, Thefriendlybarber (16-1). Bay Bridge 9-4 fav. 17 ran. NR: Easter Lea. 5l, 25l. Mrs A Price. Tote: £7.70; £2.20, £5.40, £5.20. DF: £76.50. CSF: £91.98.

3.40 (3m 1f ch) 1, General (R Davis, 3-1); 2, Kameo Style (11-8 fav); 3, Pistly (20-1). 7 ran. 3½l, 8l. J Edwards. Tote: £3.50; £2.20, £2.00. DF: £10.70. CSF: £7.38.

4.15 (3m 1f hdle) 1, Crossofspancilhill (D Bridgwater, 8-1); 2, Calmcastle (11-4 fav); 3, Riyadh Light (10-1). 11 ran. 3½l, 12l. C Trietline. Tote: £11.10; £2.90, £2.00, £3.60. DF: £34.10. CSF: £25.67.

4.50 (2m ch) 1, Will's Bounty (J Bryan, 14-1); 2, Lynemore (13-8); 3, Indian Minor (7-1). Tina's Lad 5-4 fav. 6 ran. 2l, 12l. J Colston. Tote: £9.50; £2.10, £1.70. DF: £13.60. CSF: £35.41.

5.25 (2m hdle) 1, Balasani (J Osborne, 7-4 fav); 2, Abigail's Dream (8-1); 3, Victory Wind (50-1). 13 ran. NR: Syrus P Turntable, King Of The Clouds, Thatchenne. 8l, 15l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £1.80, £8.90. DF: £11.60. CSF: £18.16. Tricast: £523.84.

Plumpton

Going: good to firm

2.30 (2m ch) 1, Andy Boy (E McKinley, 7-4 fav); 2, Bold Archer (3-1); 3, Another Season (14-1). 10 ran. 4l, 15l. T Casey. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £1.50, £3.40. DF: £3.90 CSF: £7.07

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, Superetta (M Ahern, 9-4 fav); 2, Norstock (3-1); 3, Hostess Quickly (7-1). 8 ran. NR: Toda, Ibn Sina. ½l, 1¼l. J Jenkins. Tote: £4.30; £1.90, £1.80, £1.70. DF: £4.10 CSF: £9.47 Tricast: £37.02.

3.30 (2m 4f ch) 1, Saltersfield (D Madgwick, 11-4); 2, Paradise Park (3-1); 3, Chelsea Man (20-1). 6 ran. Sh hd, 1¼l. M Madgwick. Tote: £2.60; £1.40, £1.90. DF: £3.70 CSF: £10.71.

4.0 (2m hdle) 1, Arbor Vitae (D Richmond, 4-6 fav); 2, Trojan Call (5-2); 3, Behind The Clock (25-1). 8 ran. 1l, 2l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.20, £2.90. DF: £3.00. CSF: £3.55.

4.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, Malta Mia Flyer (M Kinane, 5-1); 2, Prairie Storm (16-1); 3, Tryumphant Lad (5-2). 6 ran. Sh hd, ½l. P Butler. Tote: £5.80; £2.40, £3.80. DF: £28.40. CSF: £53.99.

5.0 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Lusty Lad (D Skyrme, 4-1); 2, Jay-Dee-Jay (9-1); 3, Tribal Mascot (3-1). Istihaad 11-4 fav. 8 ran. ¾l, 5l. M Haynes. Tote: £4.40; £1.70, £2.40, £1.90. DF: £14.90. CSF: £37.78. Tricast: £115.00.

Placepot: £68.20

Wincanton

Going: good to firm

2.0 (2m hdle) 1, Greenwine (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Eurolink The Lad (5-4 fav); 3, Abu Muslab (8-1). 10 ran. NR: Kiwi Velocity. 2½l, 7l. P Bailey. Tote: £6.60; £1.50, £1.50, £2.20. DF: £6.40. CSF: £16.02.

2.35 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Raglan Road (N Dawe, 20-1); 2, Northern Barry (4-1); 3, Shah's Choice (2-1 fav). 12 ran. NR: Poona Express. 2l, 15l. Mrs P Dutfield. Tote: £60.40; £7.50, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £986.30. CSF: £97.30. Tricast: £219.69.

3.10 (3m 1f ch) 1, Gale's Image (J Shortt, 13-8 fav); 2, Marshlander (11-4); 3, Rare Bid (4-1). 8 ran. Sh hd, 12l. J McConnochie. Tote: £2.90; £1.50, £1.20, £2.00. DF: £3.00. CSF: £7.17. Tricast: £15.08.

3.45 (2m hdle) 1, Tom Clapton (Mr F Mornier, 13-8 fav); 2, Sporting Idol (9-4); 3, Storm Free (4-1). 10 ran. ¾l, 8l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.76; £1.20, £1.30, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.10. Tricast: £11.90.

4.20 (2m 5f ch) 1, Mighty Falcon (Mr R Alner, 11-4); 2, Metannee (2-1 fav); 3, Ryton Guard (11-1). 10 ran. Sh hd, 5l. D Elsworth. Tote: £3.10; £1.70, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £6.40. CSF: £8.44.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Malcarin (J Shortt, 5-2); 2, Great Gusto (11-4); 3, Ambrose (9-4 fav). 13 ran. 12l, 3l. O Sherwood. Tote: £4.30; £1.70, £1.70, £1.60. DF: £8.80. CSF: £10.14.

Placepot: £4.30.

Wetherby

Going: good

2.45 (2m hdle) 1, Sheriff's Band (R Fahey, 7-2); 2, Northern Gunner (9-2); 3, Dancing Days (10-1). Longshoreman 9-4 fav. 13 ran. Sh hd, ¾l. M H Easterby. Tote: £4.50; £2.00, £1.80, £2.60. DF: £10.10. CSF: £21.57. Tricast: £145.13.

3.15 (2m 4f 100yd ch) 1, Lumberjack (P Niven, 7-4); 2, Fighting Finish (13-2); 3, Intersia (50-1). Lothian Captain 11-8 fav. 7 ran. 7l, 12l. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £2.60; £1.70, £1.80. DF: £7.50. CSF: £11.85.

3.50 (3m 100yd ch) 1, What About Me (J O'Gorman, 3-1); 2, Laider (6-1); 3, Nick The Brief (10-11 fav). 5 ran. 2l, 30l. Mrs S Bramall. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £2.80. DF: £12.40. CSF: £17.02.

4.20 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Jodami (P A Farrell, 9-4 fav); 2, Arctic Oats (20-1); 3, Midland Lad (33-1). 9 ran. NR: Arthurs Stone. 2l, 3½l. P Beaumont. Tote: £3.20; £1.50, £3.00, £5.80. DF: £39.80. CSF: £39.09. Tricast: £1071.82.

4.50 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Dr Rocket (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, Edberg (9-2); 3, Moudlins Cross (3-1 fav). 7 ran. ¾l, 2l. R Dickin. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £2.60. DF: £14.00. CSF: £20.83.

5.20 (3m hdle) 1, Murphy's Man (Mr M Rimell, 7-1); 2, Claesby Hill (20-1); 3, Centenary Star (3-1). Nessfield 5-2 fav. 14 ran. Dist, 5l. D Nicholson. Tote: £5.20; £1.60, £3.30, £2.00. DF: £49.10. CSF: £127.64.

Placepot: £389.40.

Fakenham

Going: good

2.30 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Samart (D Cooney, 5-1); 2, Tara's Delight (Evens fav); 3, Beaulieu Bay (8-13). 7 ran. NR: King's Crusade, Super Sol. ¾l, 10l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £5.60; £2.40, £1.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £36.37.

3.0 (3m ch) 1, Perroquet (Mr G Vergette, 4-7 fav); 2 Skygrange (3-1); 3, Prince Carlton (11-1). 6 ran. 3l, 20l. G Vergette. Tote: £1.90; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £2.90. CSF: £3.39.

3.40 (2m 5f 110yd hdle) 1, Old Eros (J McLaughlin, 5-1); 2, Black Sapphire (7-4 fav); 3, Valiant Dash (7-1). 10 ran. 12l, ¾l. M Ryan. Tote: £6.20; £1.70, £1.30, DF: £5.70. CSF: £16.65.

4.15 (2m ch) 1, Wise Gambol Steem, 2-1); 2, John Corbet (6- Daybrooks Gift 14-1. Some Obligat fav. 5 ran. NR: Illeun Mora. 12l, ½l Steem. Tote: £2.80; £1.20, £2.50 £5.50. CSF: £15.33.

4.50 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Due Dr Smith Eccles, 9-2); 2, Emsee-H (3 Fastlass (9-4 fav). 9 ran. 5l, 10l. Haine. Tote: £5.80; £1.80, £1.60, DF: £3.70. CSF: £20.83. After a stew enquiry the result stood.

5.25 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Ebony Sw Midgeley, 33-1); 2, John O'Dee (5- Gannas (5-2). 10 ran. Aberoy 6-4 fav. S Campion. Tote: £24.00; £5.20, £1.40. DF (winner or second with other horse): £2.20. CSF: £194.81. Tr £535.06.

5.55 (2m 80yd hdle) 1, Moss McLaughlin, 9-4); 2, Spanish Whispe 1); 3, Light Hand (6-4 fav). 10 ran. ¾l, Ryan. Tote: £4.40; £2.00, £6.10, £1.1 (winner or second with any other h £1.90. CSF: £55.17. Tricast: £110.53

Placepot: £18.70

Towcester

Going: firm

2.15 (3m 98yd hdle) 1, Prince I (Candy Morris, 11-2); 2, Alphasonic 3, Pitchcott Hill (2-1 fav). 7 ran. 1½l, 1 Davison. Tote: £7.10; £2.90 £2.60. £12.50. CSF: £37.74.

2.45 (2m 50yd ch) 1, Kings Fountai Tory, 3-1 fav); 2, Tildebo (7-1); 3, Dark Dawn (4-1). 13 ran. NR: Andy Bo 4l. K Bailey. Tote: £3.70; £1.70, £ £2.10. DF: £8.70. CSF: £27.44. Tri £85.99.

3.15 (3m 190yd ch) 1, Teaplanta Russell, 1-8 fav); 2, Ring Of Secrets (3, Bill Cornwall (16-1). 3 ran. Dist. 2 Russell. Tote: £1.20. DF: £1.50. C £1.53.

3.50 (2m hdle) 1, No Bonus (P Verlin 1); 2, Mists Of Time (8-1); 3, Depista (Mi Babe 11-10 fav. 5 ran. 4l, 2½l. D Mu Smith. Tote: £4.20; £1.60, £2.00. £10.60. CSF: £21.74.

4.25 (3m 190yd ch) 1, Backpacke Dunwoody, 2-1 fav); 2, Goodman Poin 1); 3, Dandy Minstrel (3-1). 6 ran. Chatty Fellow. 10l, 2l. G Enright. T £2.70; £1.70, £2.70. DF: £8.20. C £12.76.

4.55 (2m hdle) 1, Ossyage (K Moor 11-2); 2, Shade Of Peace (7-4 fav); 3, L Veneer (7-2). 13 ran. 1½l, 1l. Mr Walwyn. Tote: £8.10; £2.10, £1.40, £2 DF: £10.00. CSF: £16.49.

5.25 (2m hdle) 1, Society Guest (M Rees, 2-1 fav); 2, Oh So Ripe (11-2 Vintage Velvet (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Bursa 20l, 5l. A Turnell. Tote: £3.80; £1.60, £1. £2.90. DF: £7.30. CSF: £14.79.

Placepot: £92.00.

Uttoxeter

Going: good

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, Ariel Star (M Dw Evens); 2, Bifocal (4-5 fav); 3, Hard To (33-1). 6 ran. 8l, dist. Jimmy Fitzger Tote: £2.40; £1.10, £2.10. DF: £1.20. C £2.14.

2.50 (2m 4f hdle) 1, Coxana (J Pullin 1); 2, Hawwar (8-1); 3, Fine Warrior (25 Mecado 4-1 fav. 12 ran. 2l, 8l. McConnochie. Tote: £12.70; £3.00, £2. £11.80. DF: £26.10. CSF: £89.98. Trica £1,425.43.

3.25 (3m 2f ch) 1, Bolshoi Boy (Jacq Oliver, 9-2); 2, Dunsbrook Lad (40-1); The Forties. Over And Above 7-4 fav. ran. NR: Oriental Dream. 7l, 30l. Mrs Oliver. Tote: £6.30; £2.80, £7.60. D £89.50. CSF: £93.13.

4.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, Sidnahill (P Barne 11-10 fav); 2, Moe Greene (9-2); 3, Hi Brother (6-1). 4 ran. 15l, 15l. T Thomso Jones. Tote: £2.20. DF: £3.60. CSF: £5.6

4.35 (2m hdle) 1, Noble Ben (Jacq Oliver, 6-1); 2, Mercury Moon (16-1); Mega Blue (6-1). Parrot Leader, Frampto House 4-1 jt-favs. 10 ran. 12l, 4l. Mrs Oliver. Tote: £8.50; £1.90, £3.30, £1.6 DF: £194.10. CSF: £273.39. Trica £531.62.

5.10 (2m hdle) 1, Shu Fly (Jacqui Olive 6-4 fav); 2, Alkinor Rex (15-8); Pallavicina (20-1). 4 ran. NR: Foulis. 20 dist. Mrs S Oliver. Tote: £2.60. DF: £1.9 CSF: £6.10.

Placepot: £1,023.80.

Gosden to collect Warwick treble

By MANDARIN
(MICHAEL PHILLIPS)

JOHN Gosden's good start to the season looks like being extended today at Warwick where the successful Newmarket trainer, who celebrated his fortieth birthday with a winner at Kempton on Saturday, should have even more to crow about after landing a treble with Mesleh (1.45), Poterium (2.15) and Royal Standard (4.45).

Steve Cauthen can start the ball rolling by winning the first division of the Castle Suite Maiden Stakes on Mesleh. This beautifully bred four-year-old colt, by Alleged out of Forlene, has so far recovered only a miniscule amount of his purchase price, which amounted to 460,000 guineas when he was a yearling.

However, Mesleh ran well enough in his only races last year, when finishing fifth in the Wood Ditton Stakes at Newmarket and runner-up to the useful Admiral Byng at Nottingham, to suggest that the decision to persevere for a further season will prove worthwhile.

His stable companion Poterium, who finished a creditable fourth in his only race at Salisbury as a two-year-old, is my choice to win the Chandler Suite Maiden Stakes with Pat Eddery aboard, but Cauthen will be in the saddle again when Royal Standard goes to post for the Coventry handicap.

A progressive type last season who ended up winning three of his last four races, Royal Standard looks poised to make the most of the 2lb he receives from the top weight Secret Waters, who also won three times last season.

Visitors to the Midland track will see another well-bred but so far lightly-raced colt in action when Star Quest, who is by the Arc winner Rainbow Quest, out of the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Sarah Siddons, contests the second division of the Castle Suite Maiden Stakes.

Like Mesleh, he looks ready to begin to pay for his keep at last following an adequate run at Newbury in better-class company last summer.

At Chepstow, Nick Gaselee is understandably keen to win the Fulke Walwyn Handicap Chase with Mr Entertainer, having assisted the late and great trainer, after whom this race is named, for so long.

However, I feel that his hopes will be dashed by Toby Balding's runner, Romany King, who was runner-up to Foyle Fisherman at Cheltenham recently.

Whatever You Like, from Nicky Henderson's Lambourn yard, has the clear beating of Martin Pipe's High Knowl in the Welsh Novices' Championship Chase on their running at Newbury early last month, when they finished first and third respectively.

Finally, Sir Peter Lely is napped to win the Bilton Novices' Hurdle at Wetherby, where the Newmarket-based combination of Mark Tompkins and Steve Smith Eccles has sound prospects of landing a treble with Robert Dear (2.30), A Friend Of Mine (3.0) and Father Time (4.10).

Sir Peter Lely showed plenty of ability at Newcastle last time when he was runner-up to that in-form horse Bonanza , after winning in some style at Kelso before succumbing to a virus.

Blinkered first time

WARWICK: 4.45 Clear Light.

Dare back in title race after landing treble at the Clifton

By BRIAN BEEL

THE current ladies' champion, Alison Dare, despite making a late start to the season, showed she is still a force to be reckoned with for this year's title by riding a treble at the Clifton-on-Teme point-to-point on Saturday.

The victories of Romulex and Fenelly were well deserved, but Risk Another's success was somewhat fortunate as he looked to be held by Sab-An, a faller two out.

There was a first win here for Adrian Brown on the former Matty McCourt winning hurdler Intrepid Lad, who took the open. The veteran rider Clive Holmes provided the biggest shock of the day when partnering the outsider Pearly King, who won the open at the Vale of Aylesbury. The race was marred by the fatal fall of Maundy Boy.

At the other end of the age scale, Charles Barlow, who had his first win a fortnight ago before landing a Southwell hunter chase on Mariner's Lad last Thursday, rode a double on Rhuna Haven and Frabjous Day at the Vale of Loon.

Saybright was surprisingly beaten in the Pytchley open, where Andrew Sansome made all on Frank Gillman's Nehama, but at the Percy, Blue Ravine showed he was back to top form when gamely rallying to win the four-mile open.

Pip Nash continued to set the pace in the ladies' title race, she is one ahead of Alison Dare, as a result of a double on Ixor and Justthewayyouare at the VWH.

Other doubles on Saturday were achieved by Simon Andrews at the Blankney and by both Robin Tate and Nigel Tutty at the Cleveland, but these performances were all exceeded by Paul Hacking's treble on High Poacher, No Bees and Miss Martlet at the Ashford Valley.

TODAY'S FIXTURES: Croome and West Warwickshire, Upton-on-Severn, five miles north of Tewkesbury, (first race, 2.0); Dumfriesshire, Lockerbie, 2m SW of town, (2.0); High Peak and North East Cheshire, Flagg Moor, 8m SE of Buxton, (2.0); Pytchley, Guilsborough, 10m N of Northampton, (2.0).

CHEPSTOW

Selections

By Mandarin
2.00 Riverside Boy.
2.30 Whatever You Like.
3.00 Romany King.
3.30 *Sanawi.*
4.00 Rodden Brook.
4.30 Rositary.

By Thunderer
2.00 Saddler's Choice.
2.30 High Knowl.
3.00 Mr Entertainer.
3.30 *Charmed I'm Sure.*
4.00 Rodden Brook.
4.30 Chemist Broker.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.00 Rodden Brook.

Going: good to soft **SIS**

2.0 MAJOR NOVICES HURDLE (£2,248: 3m) (20 runners)

1 /31111 RIVERSIDE BOY 10 (D,G,S) (Miss H Blegrove) M Pipe 8-12-0 P Scudamore 90
2 232212 COKENNY BOY 17 (S) (S Hemstock) Mrs J Pitman 6-11-11 M Pitman 92
3 4-210 SADDLER'S CHOICE 20 (G) (Mrs I Phillips) J Edwards 6-11-11 N Williamson 95
4 3361 CELTIC SPORT 17 (CD,S) (E Eveleigh) P Hobbs 6-11-8 C Maude (3) 98
5 342450 MOZE TIDY 20 (G) (M Greenway) J Gifford 6-11-8 D Murphy ● 99
6 004136 SNOWY AUTUMN 10 (D Sharpe) J Old 7-11-8 W McFarland 85
7 6/0-6P0 CHESHIRE COVE 5 (Cheshire Paper Ltd) J Honeyball 8-11-2 S McNeill —
8 406 CONSTRUCTION KING 26 (A & Whitehead Ltd) R Dickin 5-11-2 D Meredith (7) 85
9 5-12064 *GROTIUS 12 (S) (Travel Employment) G Ham 7-11-2* B Powell 81
10 0 MERE CLASS 24 (Mrs J Evans) C Brooks 5-11-2 S de Haan —
11 35-0F4F PERRY WELL 17 (A Grazebrook) K Bailey 7-11-2 — 78
12 POACHER'S DELIGHT (Mrs L Bertram) Mrs S Williams 5-11-2 A Tory —
13 604 PULL THE PIN 24 (B) (F Jordan) F Jordan 5-11-2 J Lodder (3) 71
14 60-0F6 PYRO PENNANT 10 (C Barry Industrial Ltd) D Wintle 6-11-2 A Carroll —
15 P033 SPARTAN TIMES 11 (G Beccle) T Forster 7-11-2 J Railton 91
16 0F62 SUNSHINE FLIGHT 17 (Queen Elizabeth) Mrs F Walwyn 7-11-2 K Mooney 71
17 60 THE GREY BOREEN 108 (Mrs I McKie) Mrs I McKie 6-11-2 J Duggan 70
18 *9P CANNING'S COLLEGE 89 (R Hawker) R Hawker 5-10-11* M Richards —
19 6/6 PEN BAL PRINCESS 12 (M Holland) J Baker 6-10-11 S Burrough (5) —
20 0 PENNY FIZZ 82 (G Hullett) J Baker 6-10-11 N Coleman —

BETTING: 7-2 Riverside Boy, 4-1 Saddler's Choice, 6-1 Cokenny Boy, 11-2 Spartan Times, 7-1 Celtic Sport, 8-1 Moze Tidy, 10-1 Sunshine Flight, 12-1 others.

1990: ALAOUI 8-11-6 Jacqui Hayes (6-1) Mrs S Oliver 18 ran

FORM FOCUS RIVERSIDE BOY easily beat Bowlands Way 10l at Bangor (3m, soft); earlier beat Derring Valley 3l at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, soft) with SPARTAN TIMES (8lb better off) 1l 3rd.
COKENNY BOY, winner at Warwick (2m 5f, good to soft), 4l 2nd to Truth Be Told at Uttoxeter (2m 4f, soft). SADDLER'S CHOICE impressed when beating Emperors Warrior 6l at Windsor (2m 6f, good) and ran well for a long way when 23l 9th to Crystal Spirit in the grade I Sun Alliance novice hurdle at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft) with MOZE TIDY 7l 12th. CELTIC SPORT showed improved form when beating Underbidder 1½l over course and distance (heavy). MOZE TIDY 23½l 5th to Your Well at Fontwell (2m 6f, good to soft) on penultimate start. SNOWY AUTUMN never nearer 18l 6th to Fisley Dove at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, good). GROTIUS 11½l 4th to Pardon Me Sir at Devon (2m, 1f, heavy). SPARTAN TIMES 8½l 3rd to Everaldo at Newbury (2m 4f 120yd, good).
Selection: SADDLER'S CHOICE (nap)

2.30 WELSH NOVICES CHAMPIONSHIP CHASE (£4,191: 2m) (4 runners)

1 422615 BRIGGS BUILDERS 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs N Jones) J Elliott 7-11-6 R Guest 77
2 0/1/531 HIGH KNOWL 18 (D,F,G,S) (J Morse) M Pipe 8-11-6 P Scudamore 90
3 621224 UP-A-POINT 28 (D,F,S) (D Holt) F Lee 6-11-6 C Hawkins 91
4 210-412 WHATEVER YOU LIKE 11 (D,BF,G,S) (A Emmever) N Henderson 7-11-6 R Dunwoody ● 99

BETTING: 4-6 Whatever You Like, 3-1 High Knowl, 5-1 Up-A-Point, 10-1 Briggs Builders.

1990: AL HASHIMI 6-11-6 R Dunwoody (5-2) D Nicholson 6 ran

FORM FOCUS BRIGGS BUILDER beat Came Down by a neck at Lingfield (2m, soft) on penultimate start. HIGH KNOWL opened chasing account with 3½l beating of Black Amber at Wolverhampton (2m, good). UP-A-POINT 3½l 4th to Royal Clump at Warwick (2m, good to soft). WHATEVER YOU LIKE on penultimate outing beat Popeswood 1½l at Newbury (2m 160yd, good) with HIGH KNOWL (same terms) 7l 3rd and BRIGGS BUILDERS well-beaten 8th.
Selection: WHATEVER YOU LIKE

3.0 FULKE WALWYN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,590: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

1 P411-P3 MIDNIGHT TRAIN 11 (D,G,S) (M Oberstein) Mrs J Pitman 10-12-0 M Pitman 94
2 222125 *AL HASHIMI 20 (C,D,BF,F,G) (J Hobbs) D Nicholson 7-11-4* R Dunwoody ● 99
3 1-21F10 MR ENTERTAINER 20 (D,G,S) (M Boddington) N Gaselee 8-11-2 B Powell 93
4 311132 ROMANY KING 20 (CD,G,S) (L Garrett) G Balding 7-10-10 R Guest 98
5 314106 BEAU PARI 24 (D,G,S) (G Radmore) J Gifford 7-10-0 D Murphy 91

Long handicap: Beau Pari 9-7.

BETTING: 11-8 Al Hashimi, 5-2 Romany King, 4-1 Midnight Train, 11-2 Mr Entertainer, 16-1 Beau Pari.

1990: WALNUT WAY 11-10-6 J Lower (13-8 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS MIDNIGHT TRAIN last term put in useful effort when beating Multum In Parvo 8l at Warwick (2m 4f, soft); latest 1½l 3rd to Pegwell Bay at Newbury (2m 4f, good).
AL HASHIMI put up best effort this term when 3½l 2nd to Sabin Du Loir at Worcester (2m 4f, soft). MR ENTERTAINER beat Sire Nantais 8l at Newbury (2m 4f, good) on penultimate start with MIDNIGHT TRAIN pulled up 12th. ROMANY KING running-on 2l 2nd to Foyle Fisherman at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft) with AL HASHIMI below-par 15l 8th and MR ENTERTAINER tailed off 12th. BEAU PARI put up best effort this term when beating Whats Your Problem 7l at Cheltenham (2m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: AL HASHIMI

3.30 EASTER SELLING HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,675: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

1 50 *BRADMORE'S CHUM 12 (B) (T Brady) M Pipe 11-0* P Scudamore —
2 60620 MECADO 1 (BF) (Maltsword Ltd) F Yardley 11-0 M Head 98
3 01P323 SANAWI 33 (F) (J Joseph) H Twiston-Davies 11-0 C Maude (3) 98
4 5 VICTORIOUS PRINCE 35 (R Lee) R Lee 11-0 W McFarland 82
5 640262 BAYBEEJAY 18 (A Taylor) R Brotherton 10-9 R Dunwoody ● 99
6 3606 CHARMED I'M SURE 31 (P Dening) R Holder 10-9 E Byrne 97

BETTING: 7-4 Bradmore's Chum, 11-4 Baybeejay, 9-2 Sanawi, 7-1 Victorious Prince, 8-1 Mecado, 12-1 Charmed I'm Sure.

1990: BRADMORE'S VISION 11-0 J Lower (7-4 fav) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BRADMORE'S CHUM 35l 5th of 15 to Front Page on debut at Lingfield (2m, heavy).
MECADO on penultimate outing was 12l 2nd to Bootscraper at Devon (2m 1f, heavy); earlier 6l 2nd to Miss Eurolink at Chepstow (2m, soft) with SANAWI (5lb better off) 12l 3rd. SANAWI 6l 3rd to Toda at Ludlow (2m, good to firm). VICTORIOUS PRINCE 26l 5th to Suren at Lingfield (AW, 2m 4f). BAYBEEJAY given too much to do when 1½l 2nd to Toda at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft).
Selection: MECADO

4.0 MARLBOROUGH BOOK SHOP HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,889: 3m) (9 runners)

1 13P-F24 RODDEN BROOK 25 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs H Tutte) Mrs H Tutte 9-12-5 P MacEwan (7) ● 99
2 U/214-8 EASTERN CHANT 19 (D,F) (Miss I Dady) Miss I Dady 8-11-13 C Stockton (7) 96
3 44-1 MY MELLOW MAN 15 (S) (W Gooden) W Gooden 8-11-13 Mrs J Litston (7) 88
4 P62/PFU BRAVE ADMIRAL 5 (K Clark) K Clark 11-11-7 K Clark (7) 84
5 GERWYN (Mrs R Harry) Mrs R Harry 10-11-7 D Gray —
6 4/4F36/ MULBEN 913 (J Grey) J Grey 11-11-7 S Shinton (7) 76
7 0P0P NEW MENDOZA 17 (G Richards) G Richards 6-11-7 — —
8 0302/P- RON CANELLO 322 (F) (P Murphy) P Murphy 15-11-7 A James (7) —
9 STAREMBER LAD (Mrs H Johnson) Mrs H Johnson 7-11-7 Miss J Cumings (7) —

BETTING: 7-4 Rodden Brook, 4-1 My Mellow Man, 6-1 Eastern Chant, 8-1 Starember Lad, 12-1 Mulben, 14-1 Gerwyn, 25-1 New Mendoza, 33-1 Ron Canello, 50-1 Brave Admiral.

1990: RODDEN BROOK 8-11-10 P MacEwan (7-2) Mrs H Tutte 10 ran

FORM FOCUS RODDEN BROOK 16½l 4th to Ballyneety at Wincanton (3m 1f, good to soft); won this last season when defeating Late Session ½l with MY MELLOW MAN (6lb worse off) 50l 4th.
EASTERN CHANT prominent when brought down 13th behind Lovely Citizen at Cheltenham (3m 2f, good); easily beat Hawkamoor 10l at Towcester (3m 190yd, firm) in May. MY MELLOW MAN beat Duncan 1½l at Wolverhampton (3m 1f, soft). MULBEN 25l 3rd to New Part in open at Howick (3m, good to soft). STAREMBER LAD comfortably beat Smokin' Anna 3l in ladies open at Larkhill (3m, good to soft) last month and impressive when winning similar events at Didmarton and Great Trethew.
Selection: RODDEN BROOK

4.30 UNICORN HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,496: 3m) (14 runners)

1 111120 CATCH THE CROSS 20 (V,F,G,S) (S Price) M Pipe 5-11-10 P Scudamore 93
2 *FP5112 ROSITARY 17 (BF,F,S) (P Winkworth) S Mellor 8-10-13* M Perrett 95
3 0131/3-6 CHEMIST BROKER 17 (CD,F,G,S) (Food Brokers Ltd) R Akehurst 11-10-7 L Harvey 90
4 4F2016 CIMA 20 (S) (J Old) J Old 13-10-6 P Davies (7) 92
5 2F/0P60 BUCKSKIN'S BEST 21 (C,S) (D Holder) R Dickin 9-10-6 S Earle 90
6 032651 SQUIRE JIM 26 (D,F) (Plough Racing Team) N Twiston-Davies 7-10-4 C Maude (3) 92
7 234F36 LAPIAFFE 17 (CD,F,G) (R Atkin) R Hodges 7-10-3 S Burrough (5) 94
8 5P1016 YOUNG BAVARD 20 (H,B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs D Bulk) D Murray Smith 10-10-3 P Verling (3) ● 99
9 223410 TARKOVSKY 28 (C,D,S) (J Watkins) R Lee 8-10-0 W McFarland 98
10 0/00605 WINTER HAVEN 69 (B,G) (J Davis) J Baker 8-10-0 S Burrough (5) 94
11 1P-3125 MISS POKEY 73 (C,D,BF,F,S) (D Brown) R Holder 5-10-0 J Twomey (7) 83
12 000SP0 GREAT SALING 20 (B,G,S) (B Woodward) F Jordan 8-10-0 J Lodder (3) 85
13 6-30500 TABERNA LORD 6 (G,S) (T Leadbeater) A J Wilson 10-10-0 B Dowling 85
14 F4F5R0 GENERAL CHRYSON 69 (S) (D Mitchell) Mrs S Williams 11-10-0 A Tory 84

Long handicap: Tarkovsky 9-12, Winter Haven 9-10, Miss Pokey 9-8, Great Saling 9-7, Taberna Lord 9-7, General Chryson 8-13.

BETTING: 4-1 Catch The Cross, 9-2 Squire Jim, 5-1 Rositary, 6-1 Tarkovsky, 8-1 Young Bavard, Cima, 10-1 Miss Pokey, 14-1 Chemist Broker, 16-1 others.

1990: STRONG GOLD 7-11-10 M Pitman (3-1 jt-fav) Mrs J Pitman 6 ran

FORM FOCUS CATCH THE CROSS 8l 2nd to Father Time at Warwick (2m 5f, soft) on penultimate start; TARKOVSKY (1lb better off) 3l 4th, WINTER HAVEN 12th, CIMA 13th and GREAT SALING 20th.
ROSITARY 4l 2nd to Monetary Fund at Lingfield (2m 4f, soft) with LAPIAFFE (8lb better off) 28½l 6th and CHEMIST BROKER 8th; previously ridden out to beat Abbreviation 7l at Sandown (2m 5f 75yd, soft). CIMA never nearer 8l 6th to Danny Connors in Coral Hurdle at Cheltenham (3m 1f, good to soft) with CATCH THE CROSS (1lb worse off) 22l 11th, TARKOVSKY 12th, GREAT SALING 15th and YOUNG BAVARD 23rd; previously beat Maziara 2l at Newton Abbot (3m 2f 110yd, soft) with WINTER HAVEN (12lb better off) 10½l 6th and GENERAL CHRYSON 10th. SQUIRE JIM beat Pomatum 20l at Lingfield (AW, 3m). YOUNG BAVARD all out to beat Celtic Barle head on penultimate start at Newbury (3m 120yd, good to soft) with BUCKSKIN'S BEST poor 8th.
Selection: CIMA

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
C Brooks	5	18	27.8	P Scudamore	57	180	31.7
M Pipe	41	149	27.5	D Murphy	3	14	21.4
R Akehurst	7	31	22.6	M Pitman	12	59	20.3
Mrs J Pitman	19	99	19.2	K Mooney	5	25	20.0
D Nicholson	13	69	18.8	R Dunwoody	13	89	14.6
J Gifford	17	92	18.5	B Powell	20	143	14.0

(Not including yesterday's results)

WARWICK

Selections

By Mandarin
1.45 Mesleh.
2.15 Poterium.
2.45 Pesidanamich.
3.15 Love Prince.
3.45 Where's Carol.
4.15 Sir Valid.
4.45 Royal Standard.
5.15 Star Quest.

By Thunderer
1.45 Mesleh.
2.15 Poterium.
2.45 Granny's Girl.
3.15 KATY'S LAD (nap).
3.45 Unveiled.
4.15 Robins Arrow.
4.45 Clear Light.
5.15 Papal Legate.

By Michael Seely
4.15 Sir Valid. 4.45 ROYAL STANDARD (nap). 5.15 Star Quest.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Mesleh. 4.15 SIR VALID (nap). 4.45 Royal Standard.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.45 UNVEILED.

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f, low numbers best** **SIS**

1.45 CASTLE SUITE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div I: £2,174: colts and geldings: 1m 2f 170yd) (15 runners)

1 (2) 0- LORD'S FINAL 58J (D Coombe) C Barwell 4-10-0 W Newnes —
2 (4) 62- MESLEH 336 (Sheikh Ahmed Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 4-10-0 S Cauthen 95
3 (7) /00040/ HACONA 22J (F Carter) J King 5-10-0 A Tucker (7) —
4 (1) 63- PROVENCE 159 (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-10-0 W R Swinburn ● 99
5 (15) 42- SAFFAAH 165 (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 4-10-0 W Carson 92
6 (6) 0 SANTARAY 10 (S Taberner) J Mackie 5-10-0 B Raymond —
7 (13) 064- BUCARO BOY 182 (G Bush) W G M Turner 3-8-9 T Williams 84
8 (14) 00000- CITYPLUMBJO 154 (N Crook) M Channon 3-8-9 S Whitworth —
9 (11) *66- COURAGE-MON-BRAVE 183 (A Anderson) G Pritchard-Gordon 3-8-9* W Hood 90
10 (3) 4 LETTS GREEN 8 (T Parrett) J Czerpak 3-8-9 N Adams 72
11 (8) LYNDON'S LINNET (T Mellor) R Ingram 3-8-9 A Mackay —
12 (10) 553- MILLION MILES 175 (J Bradley) B Hills 3-8-9 M Hills 92
13 (12) 00- NOWHISKI 144 (Mrs P Butler) H Collingridge 3-8-9 J Quinn —
14 (9) 60- STRADBALLY MOUNT 162 (Exors of G Cooke) *M McCormack 3-8-9* J Reid 83
15 (5) TSUNAMI (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-8-9 M Roberts —

BETTING: 2-1 Mesleh, 3-1 Provence, 9-2 Million Miles, 6-1 Saffaah, 14-1 Bucaro Boy, 16-1 Stradbally Mount, Tsunami, 20-1 others.

1990: RUDJIG 4-10-0 W Carson (2-1 fav) J Gosden 16 ran

2.15 CHANDLER SUITE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (3-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,174: 1m)

1 (1) 00- RECKONING 161 (Milton Park Partnership) J Eustace 9-0 M Tebbutt 76
2 (6) BRAVEBOY (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 9-0 M Roberts —
3 (16) DANUBE (Mrs G Dunlop) C Williams 9-0 *B Raymond* —
4 (10) 6 DE LA BILLIERE 11 (I Al-Sagar) J Czerpak 9-0 N Adams —
5 (2) 0- DOMAIN 161 (The Queen) I Balding 9-0 J Reid 85
6 (14) FULLY STRETCHED (Mrs N Lewis) G Lewis 9-0 Paul Eddery —
7 (12) 00- MARSH WARBLER 195 *(Mrs J Greetham)* G Pritchard-Gordon 9-0 W R Swinburn —
8 (13) 0- MORE LARKS 180 (Mrs H Hill) M James 9-0 D Nicholls —
9 (9) 40- MYSTERY CARGO 175 (Gallagher Contractors Ltd) N Callaghan 9-0 A Cruz ● 99
10 (8) 4- POTERIUM 154 (K Abdulla) J Gosden 9-0 Pat Eddery 95
11 (4) 5- SHADIDEEN 104 *(F Salman)* P Cole 9-0 T Quinn 76
12 (15) SIDDINGTON LODGE (Mrs A Lodge) A Chamberlain 9-0 A Munro —
13 (5) 0- SPANISH GRANDEE 146 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 W Carson —
14 (3) 00- TALOS 221 (K Al-Said) B Hills 9-0 M Hills 90
15 (11) 0-0 TELSTEAM 8 (T Mills) W Carter 9-0 T Williams —
16 (7) 00- YOUNG JAMES 178 (Mrs M Rowe) J Baker 9-0 J Williams 85

BETTING: 9-4 Poterium, 9-2 Domain, 5-1 Spanish Grandee, 8-1 Shadideen, 8-1 Talos, 10-1 Mystery Cargo, 14-1 Braveboy, 16-1 others.

1990: *RED TOTO 9-0 M Roberts (5-2) A Stewart 22 ran*

2.45 KINGSWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,521: 7f) (11 runners)

1 (1) 112312 PESIDANAMICH 28 (B,D,S) (T Harpham) T Barron 9-7 *Alex Greaves (3)* ● 99
2 (3) 453340- SWIFT ROMANCE 178 (Mrs N Duffield) B Millman 9-3 P D'Arcy 91
3 (2) DAMES RUBY (Mrs H Hogben) D Wintle 9-0 K Brown (7) —
4 (4) 5021-0 LONG FURLONG 7 (B,F) (P Lau) D Jermy 8-13 G Bardwell 87
5 (11) 035- GRANNY'S GIRL 145 (Mrs J Barry) I Balding 8-12 R Cochrane 70
6 (9) 04500-4 MISTER MAJOR 8 (B Keay) L Holt 8-9 A McGlone 77
7 (6) 52245-0 BID FOR ELEGANCE 11 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-8 B Rouse 92
8 (10) 210000- KEVINSBELLE 155 (D,F) (K Moorcroft) E Eldin 8-8 B Raymond 91
9 (8) 014152- *LAUREL QUEEN 148 (D,F,G) (Laurel (Leisure) Ltd) J Berry 8-8* J Carroll 88
10 (7) 00000- FAY EDEN 155 (R Hodges) R Hodges 8-0 — 70
11 (5) 056-0 GLOWING MANTLE 46 (N Smith) N Smith 8-0 A Forte —

BETTING: 6-4 Pesidanamich, 7-2 Bid For Elegance, 9-2 Laurel Queen, 6-1 Granny's Girl, 8-1 Swift Romance, 14-1 Kevinsbelle, 16-1 Granny's Girl, 25-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

3.15 HASELEY HANDICAP (£3,272: 7f) (20 runners)

1 (20) 45162-0 EVENING AFFAIR 8 (F) (A Whiting) W Holden 5-10-0 B Russell (7) 84
2 (15) 10660-0 HACKFORTH 11 (CD,F,G) (Mrs C Tinkler) C Tinkler 5-9-11 M Birch 86
3 (19) 410510 CROSBY 10 (B,C,D,F,G,S) (R Balderson) P Kelleway 5-9-9 Pat Eddery 94
4 (2) *56-4309 FOOLISH TOUCH 11 (D,F,G,S)* (Broughton Insulation) W Musson 9-9-7 M Wigham 92
5 (12) 103020- MOFADOR 144 (D,G,S) (F Lee) F Lee 7-9-5 R Lappin 90
6 (9) 314/000- GREEN'S STUBBS 246 (F) (M Haggett) A Barrow 4-9-5 S Whitworth —
7 (13) 400500- JUST A STEP 141 (D,F) (Exors of late G Cooke) M McCormack 5-9-5 J Reid 90
8 (11) 50034-0 TAYLORS PRINCE 11 (V,D,F) (H Collingridge) H Collingridge 4-9-5 W R Swinburn 96
9 (1) 660260- ANTAGONIST 246 (Mrs S Prowse) B Millman 4-9-4 R Price (5) 82
10 (4) 0-33015 COX CREEK 25 (D) (P Bonner) W O'Gorman 4-9-3 A Munro 91
11 (10) 4236-50 YEOMAN BID 73 (D Ivory) K Ivory 4-9-0 R Cochrane ● 99
12 (17) 240140- ROYAL DARTMOUTH 206 (C,F,S) (Axminster Ltd) B Millman 6-9-0 P D'Arcy 84
13 (5) 856002- LOVE PRINCE 218 (F) (Mrs P Merrick) W Carter 5-8-12 T Williams 82
14 (8) 06045-0 KATY'S LAD 11 (C,F,S) (J Butler) B McMahon 4-8-11 W Carson 98
15 (16) 5-14630 RED RIVER BOY 17 (D,F,G,S) (J Mansell) R Hodges 8-8-10 J Williams 92
16 (18) 200000- KEEN MELODY 94 (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 4-8-7 B Raymond 95
17 (3) 220-336 ORCHARD'S PET 5 (D,F) (P Stranger) W G M Turner 5-8-7 T Sprake (5) 93
18 (7) 50-0565 WILEYS *FOLLY 26* (Mrs S Crowe) S *Dow 5-8-5* W Ryan 77
19 (14) 4/63540- LADY GRENVILLE 315 (D Currie) P Leach 4-8-4 Paul Eddery 89
20 (6) 034/60- JUST JEAN 148J (Mrs J Robinson) H Whiting 4-8-4 J Lowe —

BETTING: 5-1 *Cox Creek*, 6-1 Orchard's Pet, 7-1 Red River Boy, 8-1 Crosby, Hackforth, 10-1 Love Prince, *Katy's Lad*, 12-1 *Foolish Touch*, 14-1 *Evening Affair*, 16-1 others.

1990: ROYAL DARTMOUTH 5-9-3 P D'Arcy (20-1) B Millman 24 ran

3.45 KINGSWOOD CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,499: 7f) (10 runners)

1 (4) 045000- BUD'S BET 180 (Mrs P Lewendon) L Holt 8-7 C Avery (7) 87
2 (1) 036-160 JUST A LOOK 21 (B,D) (B Lanigan) D Murray Smith 8-7 T Quinn 80
3 (10) 100000- PILAR 110 (D,F,S) (Mrs N Macauley) Mrs N Macauley 8-6 L Dettori 87
4 (7) 0 GOODBYE MAGGIE 87 (M Fetherston-Godley) M Fetherston-Godley 8-4 W Ryan —
5 (5) 060- BID FOR STARDOM 182 (W Hawkings) R Hannon 8-3 D Gibbs (7) 84
6 (9) HERALDINA (Brigadier M Gordon-Watson) *M Bell 8-2* G Duffield —
7 (6) 4-64020 WHERE'S CAROL 17 (The Newmarket Club Plc) C Allen 8-2 A Munro 80
8 (2) 600- HEAVENLY QUEEN 391 (G Blum) G Blum 8-0 — —
9 (8) 50- TENDER REACH 178 (Mrs B Sands) R Voorspuy 7-12 S Dawson —
10 (3) 31605- UNVEILED 225 (F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 7-12 W Carson ● 99

BETTING: 2-1 Unveiled, 3-1 Where's Carol, 4-1 Just A Look, 7-1 Bid For Stardom, 10-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

4.15 EBF COMPTON VERNEY MAIDEN TWO-YR-OLD STAKES (2-Y-O colts and geldings: £2,477: 5f) (8 runners)

1 (6) FAIR CRACK (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 9-0 B Raymond —
2 (5) GABES (J Etherton) J Payne 9-0 W Hood —
3 (2) 0 LAWNSWOOD PRINCE 12 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 9-0 S Perks —
4 (1) 2 REGAL CHIMES 12 (M Sturgess) B *McMahon 9-0* *L Dettori* —
5 (4) 3 ROBINS ARROW 12 (BF) (Robinson Publications Limited) J Berry 9-0 J Carroll —
6 (3) SIR SLINGSBY (S Sampson) M Bell 9-0 M Hills —
7 (8) SIR VALID (Maclaine Racing) W O'Gorman 9-0 A Munro —
8 (7) 2 TRY LEGUARD 8 (J Devaney) W Carter 9-0 T Williams —

BETTING: 11-4 Sir Valid, 3-1 Robins Arrow, 7-2 Regal Chimes, 9-2 Try Leguard, 7-1 Fair Crack.

1990: SAMSOLOM 9-0 Dean McKeown (10-1) J Glover 12 ran

4.45 COVENTRY HANDICAP (£3,655: 1m 4f 52yd) (8 runners)

1 (5) 111360- SECRET WATERS 180 (D,F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 4-10-0 J Reid 83
2 (4) 021511- ROYAL STANDARD 185 (V,D,F,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-8-8 S Cauthen 93
3 (6) 012215- THE GOOFER 150 (G,S) (Mrs R Coleman) A Stringer 4-8-8 A Munro 94
4 (3) 116100- PRINCE HANNIBAL 151 (D,F) (D Hunnisett) J Dunlop 4-8-7 W Carson 97
5 (8) 3/1153- PEACE KING 136J (D,F) (Lady Brown) G Harwood 5-8-6 R Cochrane 82
6 (2) 10051-1 CLEAR LIGHT 25 (B,D,G) (C Eden) M Pipe 4-7-11 T Williams ● 99
7 (1) 03031-0 EREVNON 12 (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 4-7-7 B Doyle (5) 82
8 (7) 4435-46 NON CONSTAT 7 (D,G) (T Mellor) R Ingram 7-7-7 A Mackay 85

Long handicap: Erevnon 7-5, Non Constat 6-12.

BETTING: 5-2 Clear Light, 7-2 Peace King, 4-1 Royal Standard, 7-1 Erevnon, The Goofer.

1990: XHAI 8-8-4 S Whitworth (15-1) R Simpson 13 ran

5.15 CASTLE SUITE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES (Div II: £2,174: colts and geldings: 1m 2f 170yd) (15 runners)

1 (12) 0- ALHAJRAS 371 (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 4-10-0 W Carson —
2 (14) 0 CHEEKY CHAPLIN 8 (Miss E Gandolfo) D Gandolfo 5-10-0 A McGlone —
3 (15) 0P- ON THE SAUCE 18J (Goldsmith, Langham, T'pson) M Haynes 4-10-0 J Williams —
4 (1) 5/0483- PAPAL LEGATE 332 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 4-10-0 — —
5 (2) RUTLAND WATER (E Keasly) P Makin 4-10-0 L Dettori —
6 (5) 6- STAR QUEST 255 (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-10-0 Pat Eddery 90
7 (6) 0/2630- STRADBROKE 133 (Miss S Lavery) *M James* 4-10-0 D Nicholls 86
8 (11) 2/0 THRESHFIELD 571 (Curley Credit Bookmaking) B Curley 5-10-0 T D'Arcy (7) —
9 (3) 0342-62 TIMED 13 (A Lomas) M Pipe 4-10-0 F Arrowsmith (7) 99
10 (13) 030060- FATHER FIGURE 182 (K Kleanthous) R Hannon 3-8-9 B Rouse ● 99
11 (9) 500-0 JOKER IN THE PACK 34 (N Smith) N Smith 3-8-9 A Forte —
12 (10) 6-6 LEGAL WIN 12 (Lord White of Hull) M Bell 3-8-9 G Duffield 82
13 (7) 000- MINERS LAW 168 (J Ainib) G Lewis 3-8-9 Paul Eddery —
14 (4) 000- OUR SLIMBRIDGE 150 (Mrs G Dunlop) C Williams 3-8-9 M Wigham 95
15 (8) 400-0 POIRE DU NORD 88 (S Reakes) R Hollinshead 3-8-9 S Perks —

BETTING: 2-1 Star Quest, 7-2 Papal Legate, 4-1 Father Figure, 8-1 Legal Win, 12-1 others.

1990: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Barron	3	12	25.0	J Carroll	7	16	43.8
J Berry	18	73	24.7	D Nicholls	6	19	31.6
C Tinkler	3	13	23.1	S Cauthen	19	66	28.8
W O'Gorman	4	18	22.2	Pat Eddery	19	71	26.8
N Callaghan	4	19	21.1	W Carson	24	116	20.7
J Dunlop	14	69	20.3	T Quinn	17	106	16.0

WETHERBY

Selections

By Mandarin
2.30 Robert Dear. 3.0 A Friend Of Mine. 3.35 Rain Mark. 4.10 Father Time. 4.40 Choice Challange. 5.15 SIR PETER LELY (nap).

By Thunderer
2.30 Robert Dear. 3.0 Broctune Grey. 3.35 My Dream Maker. 4.10 Midland Glenn. 4.40 Choice Challange. 5.15 Sir Peter Lely.

Brian Beel's selection: 3.35 Rain Mark.

Going: good

2.30 DEIGHTON NOVICES HURDLE (£2,042: 2m) (25 runners)

1 5312 ROBERT DEAR 34 (CD,BF,G) M Tompkins 5-11-3 S Smith Eccles
2 3- ANOTHER NICK 349F J Jefferson 5-10-10 G McCourt
3 6P ASTON AGAIN 39 G Moore 5-10-10 J Callaghan (3)
4 0-P0 BENGAL WAY 34 C Tinkler 5-10-10 R Marley
5 2/3- BOYNTON 433 J Johnson 5-10-10 —
6 56 CAETANI 17 M W Easterby 7-10-10 C Grant
7 FF00 DICK THE SPUDDLER 57 W Bentley 6-10-10 —
8 DURLEY SONG 339F Miss S Turner 5-10-10 —
9 342 GREEK FLUTTER 91 (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10 M Dwyer
10 000 KIWI LAKE 80 D Moffatt 5-10-10 R Fahey
11 00 MAN OF ICE 36 M H Easterby 5-10-10 L Wyer
12 0-00 MASHUM 19 A Bailey 5-10-10 Mr M Buckley (7)
13 P ROYALIST 32 Miss J Barclay 5-10-10 M Hill
14 343 SANDY'S BEACON 36 Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-10-10 —
15 53 TAVAMAROO 27 (BF) Mrs G Reveley 5-10-10 P Niven
16 5-24 TOWNY BOY 8 (BF) J Jefferson 5-10-10 B Dalton (7)
17 00 TROODOS 84 Mrs S Austin 5-10-10 S Turner
18 46 VAZON EXPRESS 87 P Dalton 5-10-10 —
19 0- MOD SQUAD 349F W Storey 5-10-5 K Doolan
20 540P NUGOLA 98 J Swiers 9-10-5 Mr S Swiers
21 PATRUSKA C Thornton 5-10-5 D Wilkinson
22 SAGARO BELLE A Crow 5-10-5 T Reed
23 00 SAGE BRUSH 27 B Wilkinson 5-10-5 —
24 0-P TELL ME NO MORE 34 Mrs B Broad 7-10-5 C Dennis (3)
25 TINKOBURTIN D Dutton 5-10-5 A Charlton

2-1 Greek Flutter, 4-1 Robert Dear, 7-1 Towny Boy, 8-1 Another Nick, 12-1 Boynton, 20-1 Mashum, Caetani, 25-1 others.

3.0 INGMANTHORPE HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,950: 3m) (9)

1 3368 BROCTUNE GREY 38 (CD,F,S) Mrs G Reveley 7-11-13 R Hodge (7)
2 3632 CASTLEVENNON 34 (F,G,S) Mrs S Bramall 10-11-2 J O'Gorman (3)
3 4P-0 WHATS WHAT 32 (F,G,S) B Bousfield 12-11-2 P Niven
4 20PP PREMIER PRINCESS 15 (F,G) W Bentley 5-11-0 L Wyer
5 -UUF MISS CLUB ROYAL 113 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-0 M Dwyer
6 600- WARGAME 392 (C,F,G,S) A Bailey 11-10-11 Mr M Buckley (7)
7 002P WREKIN HILL 26 (B,S) W A Stephenson 9-10-11 C Grant
8 32-2 A FRIEND OF MINE 122 M Tompkins 5-10-5 S Smith Eccles
9 5353 PHOTINIA 13 (F,G) T Fairhurst 6-10-0 F Perratt (7)

7-2 Castlevennon, 9-2 Premier Prince, 5-1 Miss Club Royal, 6-1 Whats What, 8-1 Broctune Grey, 10-1 others.

3.35 RMC GROUP NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £1,608: 3m 100yd) (9)

1 35-1 RAIN MARK 29 (S) M Chatterton 10-12-4 C Beeby (7)
2 CERTAIN RHYTHM R Watson 8-11-12 M Sowersby (7)
3 /236 CONVINCING 5 (BF) J Cornforth 7-11-12 P Cornforth (7)
4 P-PF *CULLANE 27 W A Stephenson 7-11-12* J Greenall (3)
5 PPPF DAVBATON 15 J Parkes 9-11-12 S Charlton (7)
6 P/F- HELLCATMUDWRESTLER 312 H Bell 10-11-12 M Roberts (7)
7 3-24 THE UNDERGRADUATE 5 (B,S) C Trietline 12-11-12 —
8 0 WATCHITBUSTER 29 Mrs M Jefferson 8-11-12 H Brown (7)
9 F MY DREAM MAKER 15 Mrs G Walford 7-11-7 N Wilson (7)

5-4 Rain Mark, 4-1 Convincing, 7-1 Hellcatmudwrestler, My Dream Maker, 10-1 The Undergraduate, 16-1 others.

4.10 MONTAGU HANDICAP HURDLE (£7,100: 2m 4f) (6)

1 -110 FATHER TIME 20 (C,D,G,S) M Tompkins 7-11-11 S Smith Eccles
2 2-P0 SMART PERFORMER 19 (G,S) N Tinkler 6-11-6 G McCourt
3 -052 MIDLAND GLENN 15 (CD,F,G,S) J Eyre 7-11-7 C Grant
4 1124 LEIGH BOY 91 (C,D,F,G,S) G Moore 5-11-2 M Dwyer
5 44-P AMBUSCADE 25 (F,S) G Moore 5-11-2 P Niven
6 3325 ICARUS 11F (V,CD,F,G) M H Easterby 5-10-3 L Wyer

9-4 Father Time, 3-1 Icarus, 9-2 Midland Glenn, 6-1 Smart Performer, 10-1 Ambuscade, Leigh Boy.

4.40 CROSSLEY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,557: 2m 4f 100yd) (6)

1 343P JIM THORPE 10 (C,D,F,G,S) G Richards 10-11-12 G McCourt
2 4363 MASNOON 21 (F,G,S) J Eyre 6-11-3 M Dwyer
3 5235 KARENOMORE 5 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M H Easterby 13-10-13 L Wyer
4 1403 SPEECH 95 (C,D,F) W A Stephenson 8-10-12 C Grant
5 1306 CHOICE CHALLANGE 88 (C,D,F,G) M Hammond 8-10-6 P Niven
6 U400 CHIPCHASE 29 (D,F,G,S) B Wilkinson 11-10-0 J Callaghan (3)

3-1 Masnoon, 100-30 Speech, 4-1 Karenomore, 9-2 Jim Thorpe, 7-1 Choice Challange, 10-1 Chipchase.

5.15 BILTON NOVICES HURDLE (£1,880: 2m) (16)

1 3212 KANNDABIL 17 (CD,S) N Tinkler 10-13 G McCourt
2 132 PERSIAN HOUSE 34 (D,S) J Jefferson 10-13 M Dwyer
3 51P0 *SEXY MOVER 17 (D,S) W Storey 10-13* *K Doolan*
4 512 SIR PETER LELY 17 (S) M Hammond 10-13 P Niven
5 50 DOOLAR 10 P Dalton 10-7 —
6 P6 DUTCH BLUES 27 Mrs S Austin 10-7 D Wilkinson
7 FPP EARL GRAY 41 M W Easterby 10-7 R Fahey
8 0F *LIKE A PRAYER 5 J Parkes 10-7* —
9 LOCH SHIN 60F M H Easterby 10-7 L Wyer
10 0005 LONG SERVING 8 W A Stephenson 10-7 C Grant
11 5 MARSH'S LAW 88 O Brennan 10-7 M Brennan
12 00 MATCHSTICK CHARLIE 41 M W Easterby 10-7 —
13 4 MOUNTAIN GLOW 12F (V,BF) *J Harris 10-7* J A Harris
14 OWT ON 291F J Fort 10-7 R Marley
15 05 VIRBAZAR 57 Mrs S Bramall 10-7 J O'Gorman (3)
16 600 WEST WITH THE WIND 59 J Johnson 10-7 —

15-8 Sir Peter Lely, 9-2 Kanndabil, 6-1 Persian House, 8-1 Doolar, 12-1 Sexy Mover, 16-1 Loch Shin, 20-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: M Tompkins, 4 winners from 7 runners, 57.1%; G Richards, 34 from 155, 21.9%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 32 from 147, 21.8%; M H Easterby, 41 from 206, 19.9%; Mrs G Reveley, 11 from 61, 18.0%; W Storey, 3 from 18, 16.7%.

JOCKEYS: S Smith Eccles, 4 winners from 11 rides, 36.4%; L Wyer, 30 from 128, 23.4%; M Dwyer, 41 from 212, 19.3%; G McCourt, 10 from 55, 18.2%; T Reed, 11 from 70, 15.7%; Mr S Swiers, 8 from 54, 14.8%.

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Selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Forget The Rest. 2.45 Palm House. 3.15 Travel Over. 3.45 Arctic Skylight. 4.15 Mount Argus. 4.45 Sweet City. 5.15 Dreamers Delight. 5.45 Scottish Mountain.

By Thunderer
2.15 True Magic. 2.45 Palm House. 3.15 Travel Over. 3.45 Rastannora. 4.15 Mount Argus. 4.45 Sweet City. 5.15 Rocco. 5.45 The Pink'Un.

Brian Beel's selection: 4.15 Mount Argus.

Going: Good

2.15 BROWN *LABEL WHISKY NOVICES HURDLE* (£2,449: 3m) (16 runners)

1 -161 CHERRYKINO 67 (G) T Forster 8-11-10 H Davies
2 3121 FORGET THE REST 31 (D,G,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11-10 D Byrne
3 5U21 ANOTHER DYER 13 (S) G Richards 7-11-4 N Doughty
4 2105 MONTAGNARD 25 (S) M Bradstock 7-11-4 G Bradley
5 1085 PEAJADE 28 (G,S) M Robinson 7-11-4 J White
6 3-12 CHURCH LEAP 10 (D,G) K Bailey 7-10-13 I Lawrence
7 213 MEGAN'S FLIGHT 29 (BF) T Caldwell 5-10-13 Peter Caldwell
8 0-56 GUTE NACHT 16 O Brennan 8-10-12 S Ryan (7)
9 0 HORCUM 129 P Pritchard 6-10-12 A Webb
10 0 KALAHARI KING 36 R Eckley 5-10-12 —
11 0422 MORGANS HARBOUR 25 (BF) K Burke 5-10-12 R Supple
12 4 REGAL SMOKE 8 P Blockley 5-10-12 P Midgley (7)
13 2420 TASMAN OAK 21 Mrs S Oliver 5-10-12 R Hyett
14 0 THE DARK WATCH 8 J J O'Neill 6-10-12 F Murtagh (7)
15 000 THE HAKAMAN 15 D Moffatt 5-10-12 D J Moffatt (7)
16 21-5 TRUE MAGIC 25 (F) D Murray Smith 7-10-12 J Osborne

7-4 Forget The Rest, 100-30 Cherrykino, 9-2 Church Leap, 13-2 Montagnard, 8-1 Another Dyer, 10-1 others.

2.45 *LOW C SELLING HANDICAP CHASE* (£2,255: 2m 4f) (8)

1 0366 PALM HOUSE 3F (V,F,G,S) G Richards 6-12-0 N Doughty
2 10-P JAGAN SOMBONG 229 (C,F,S) J Bradley 8-11-6 Mr A Farrant (7)
3 5PP0 LOAN HILL 57 M Johnston 7-10-9 M Roberts (7)
4 P024 CHANGE WEAR 31 J King 5-10-9 —
5 03PP WE'RE IN THE MONEY 14 (G) K Burke 7-10-8 D Gallagher
6 2P6B LATERAL 3 J Bradley 7-10-8 D Tegg
7 0P/6 SONG AN'DANCE MAN 27 Mrs A Lee 8-10-8 D Skyrme (3)
8 P00F TRUE FAN 10 T Caldwell 8-10-8 Peter Caldwell

4-6 *Palm House, 7-2 Jagan Sombong, 8-1 Lateral,* 10-1 We're In The Money, 12-1 Change Wear, 20-1 others.

3.15 PEDIGREE BITTER HANDICAP CHASE (£3,980: 3m 2f) (10)

1 2325 MWEENISH 16 (C,G,S) J Webber 9-11-10 M Field (7)
2 -422 WOODGATE 14 (D,BF,G,S) T Forster 10-11-7 C Llewellyn
3 115U MR GOSSIP 29 (D,G,S) N Henderson 9-11-5 J White
4 41U2 TRAVEL OVER 31 (G,S) R Lee 10-11-3 J Shortt
5 UU02 SNEAKAPENNY 12 (D,G,S) M Wilkinson 9-10-12 R Supple
6 43-P MITHRAS 6 (F,G,S) B Preece 13-10-6 A Jackes (5)
7 FP22 SHADY ROAD 15 (G,S) G Richards 9-10-0 M Moloney (5)
8 56-5 SERGEANT SPRITE 36 (B,F,S) Mrs J Pitman 11-10-0 M Bowlby
9 3282 ARDENT SPY 102 (CD,F,G,S) W Clay 14-10-0 —
10 3243 TARA BOY 10 R Francis 6-10-0 R Bellamy (3)

15-8 Woodgate, 7-2 Travel Over, 9-2 Mr Gossip, 5-1 Mweenish, 6-1 Sneakapenny, 8-1 Shady Road, 12-1 others.

3.45 BURTON BEST BITTER HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,431: 2m 4f) (13)

1 45-4 NODFORMS DILEMMA 17 (D,F,G,S) P Bevan 8-11-10 —
2 6015 DROWSY 20 (B,D,S) O Sherwood 9-10-13 A S Smith (5)
3 P-58 DAT TRAIN 89 (BF,G,S) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-12 *M Bowlby*
4 8-UF ARCTIC SKYLIGHT 8 (F) G Richards 7-10-7 N Doughty
5 4010 RASTANNORA 26 (BF,F,S) M Pipe 6-10-6 —
6 500- VISCOUNT TULLY 402 (S) C Jackson 6-10-6 J Bryan
7 0U00 FLY FOR US 20 (S) M O'Neill 6-10-3 D Byrne
8 53-6 BILLION MELODY 15 (F,G) A Jones 9-10-0 Miss D Jones
9 4420 *SOLAR CLOUD 11 (B,F,G,S) M Charles 9-10-0* D Bridgwater (7)
10 -3PP CRESTED 97 (S) K Burke 7-10-0 R Supple
11 0504 FIFTH ATTEMPT 26 (D,F,S) P Felgate 9-10-0 D Gallagher
12 -P0P *TANDERAGEE 24 (S) R Lee 10-10-0* Leanne Eldredge (7)
13 0/00 FRANK DALE 3 (G) G Jones 8-10-0 E Tierney (7)

9-4 Rastannora, 9-2 Dat Train, 11-2 Arctic Skylight.

4.15 OWD RODGER HUNTER CHASE (Amateurs: £2,240: 3m 2f) (6)

1 /1-1 MOUNT ARGUS 14 (CD,F,G) Mrs H Clarke 9-12-10 S Brookshaw (7)
2 120- *WOLFIES DELIGHT 328 (G) C Sporborg 10-12-7* S Sporborg (7)
3 UPU ALAN BOY 15 (V) A Robinson 7-12-0 C Hancock (7)
4 03R- LYNWOOD LAD 335 G Price 10-12-0 —
5 0P0- AMETHEA 321 T Bailey 9-11-9 —
6 PPP/ *KINGS JOY 1039 Mrs L Cunningham 11-11-9* H Brown (7)

8-15 Mount Argus, 7-2 Wolfies Delight, 6-1 Lynwood Lad.

4.45 PILSNER LAGER NOVICES CHASE (£2,461: 2m 4f) (13)

1 5-1F ANOTHER CRUISE 18 (D,F) R Price 6-11-7 D Tegg
2 3354 D'OR'S GEM 10 (D,F,G) P Bevan 8-11-7 T Wall
3 F1FP OFFICER GROWLER 18 (G,S) Mrs D Haine 7-11-7 J Shortt
4 03P1 PLAT REAY 12 (S) T Forster 7-11-7 C Llewellyn
5 4FR1 REHAB VENTURE 14 (G) J Old 7-11-7 J Osborne
6 -F21 SWEET CITY 10 (V,S) G Richards 6-11-7 N Doughty
7 1PF3 TREE POPPY 5 (S) C Brooks 8-11-2 G Bradley
8 0060 HINDERENDS 33 P Felgate 7-11-0 D Gallagher
9 1/P5 JOSSESTOWN 15 (G) R Francis 8-11-0 —
10 4/0P MONKSCOMBE 14 (B,F) Mrs J Pitman 8-11-0 M Bowlby
11 0P02 TRIBAL RULER 10 (G) D McCain 6-11-0 —
12 0-4P WOODLANDS GENHIRE 24 P Pritchard 5-11-0 A Webb
13 /UP4 TEMPORARY AFFAIR 10 R Francis 7-10-9 R Bellamy (3)

7-4 Sweet City, 9-4 Rehab Venture, 7-2 Plat Reay.

5.15 HOLLYBUSH INN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div I: £2,067: 2m) (16)

1 13 DREAMERS DELIGHT 36 (BF,S) R Hollinshead 5-12-1 Gary Lyons (3)
2 CHARTER MEMBER D McCain 5-11-8 Mr D McCain (7)
3 ENTERTAINMENT PARK B Preece 5-11-8 A Jackes (5)
4 KATIE'S JOKER O O'Neill 5-11-8 V Slattery (7)
5 KEEP SHARP O Sherwood 5-11-8 A S Smith (5)
6 MAYTOWN R Holder 5-11-8 N Mann
7 ONLY IN IRELAND Miss H Knight 5-11-8 G Upton (3)
8 ROAD TO RICHES T Thomson Jones 5-11-8 P Barnard (3)
9 TORNADO BAY J Edwards 5-11-8 —
10 ELITE MATE I Campbell 5-11-3 —
11 MAES GWYN GIRL D Moffatt 5-11-3 D J Moffatt (7)
12 MANWELL B Temple 4-11-2 P Midgley (7)
13 ROCCO Mrs J Pitman 4-11-2 J Leech (3)
14 SOLE PAINTER K Bailey 4-11-2 Mrs T Bailey (7)
15 BOSSBURG T Bailey 4-10-11 F Murtagh (7)
16 GAFF'S GAMBLE C Brennan 4-10-11 S Ryan (7)

2-1 Dreamers Delight, 7-2 Rocco, 4-1 Keep Sharp.

5.45 HOLLYBUSH INN NATIONAL HUNT FLAT RACE (Div II: £2,052: 2m) (16)

1 1 SCOTTISH MOUNTAIN 13 (S) M H Easterby 5-12-1 L Mullaney (7)
2 BREECHES BUOY J Edwards 5-11-8 —
3 MONSIEUR LE CURE J Edwards 5-11-8 —
4 SPIKEY J Jenkins 5-11-8 M Ahern (3)
5 TERAO M Pipe 5-11-8 —
6 THE PINK'UN Mrs J Pitman 6-11-8 J Leech
7 GIDDYWELL J Holcombe 6-11-3 Mr S Wynne (7)
8 CARDINAL RICHELIEU C Sporborg 4-11-2 Mr W Sporborg
9 GRAZEMBER R Earnshaw 4-11-2 —
10 NO ASHES Mrs V Ward 4-11-2 —
11 PROGRAMMED TO WIN B McLean 4-11-2 B McGirr
12 SILKSTREAM A Reid 4-11-2 —
13 THE POINT IS Mrs S Minns 4-11-2 —
14 VILLAGE REINDEER P Calver 4-11-2 Gary Lyons (3)
15 FANNY PRICE Mrs A Knight 4-10-11 D Matthews (7)
16 STRONG ATTRACTION D Nicholson 4-10-11 —

9-4 Terao, 5-2 Scottish Mountain, 100-30 The Pink'Un, 8-1 Breeches Buoy, Monsieur Le Cure, 10-1 others.

Course specialists

TRAINERS: Jimmy Fitzgerald, 9 winners from 23 runners, 39.1%; C Brooks, 7 from 21, 33.3%; M Pipe, 20 from 68, 29.4%; *M H Easterby, 6 from 22, 27.3%; Mrs D Haine, 4 from 15, 26.7%;* J Webber, 18 from 74, 24.3%.

JOCKEYS: D Byrne, 5 winners from 21 rides, 23.8%; G McCourt, 15 from 76, 19.7%; Mr D McCain, 3 from 16, 18.8%; D Tegg, 8 from 48, 16.7%; N Doughty, 6 from 37, 16.2%; R Hyett, 6 from 40, 15.0%.

Chapple-Hyam off mark

PETER Chapple-Hyam's training career got off to the perfect start when Noble Flutter gave the 27-year-old a winner with his first runner at Warwick yesterday.

Delivered with a powerful late challenge by Paul Eddery, Noble Flutter, an 11-2 chance, took the opening Marton Graduation Stakes by seven lengths from Rocton North.

Chapple-Hyam was recently installed as private trainer to Robert Sangster at his Manton estate in Wiltshire. Ironically, Noble Flutter is the one horse in the stable not to carry the famous Sangster colours this season.

Chopple-Hyam explained: "She was won in a charity raffle organised by Mrs Sangster, and will race for the winner, Mrs Tracy Davis, all this year.

"But the other 32 horses in my care are all owned outright by Mr Sangster, and, obviously, this is a most tremendous beginning for everyone involved in the team."

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Barbarians beaten but still piling up points and pounds

By GERALD DAVIES

Swansea 33
Barbarians 31

FOLLOWING on a high-scoring extravaganza at the Arms Park on Saturday, the Barbarians came to encourage much the same kind of free-running at Swansea yesterday. After a hesitant start, which saw them trail by 19 points at one stage, they finally managed to turn it into a close contest.

Had Donovan been able to convert his side's final try — the best of the afternoon, with the ball going through six pairs of hands from near their own 22-metre line — they might even have managed a draw.

As it was, the home team just deserved to win by three goals, three tries and a penalty goal to a goal, penalty try, four tries and a drop goal. Thus Scottish Amicable, who are donating £50 per point in the Barbarians' centenary matches, will finally contribute £10,250 in total to youth rugby in Wales.

However, in the context other than rugby, the public might well have invoked the the Trades Description Act at St Helens. Neither club fielded the team which quite matched this traditional occasion. Wishing to keep their best combination for the cup semi-final against Pontypool next Sunday, the home team had a completely changed look about it from the one which it played for Heineken League points against Bridgend last Saturday.

The Barbarians included seven players from their original touring party selection while Cardiff contributed not only five to the beleaguered Barbarians but also two of the Swansea back row.

Swansea's path to victory was signposted as early as the 27th second. From the home team's kick-off, Lafond gathered but failed to find touch. Wyatt collected, chipped ahead and regathered to send Michael streaming through the gap for Simon Davies to score his first try.

Lakin's drive and quick release paved the way for Simon Davies to again show a fine turn of speed. The winger — from a local junior club, Bonymaen — glided in from 40 metres with an athlete's running style for his second try. Wyatt supplied the conversions and also added a penalty.

It was the Swansea full back's namesake from Canada who converted the Barbarians' first score, which came from a penalty try when Donovan was tackled early by Davies. Tries by Dear and McBryde closed the first-half scoring.

After Taylor had extended the lead with another try after the interval, Heubert and Wyatt began finding each other at half back and a more definite rhythm followed.

Tries by Donovan and Evans and a dropped goal by Lafond brought the visitors back into a match which, from then on, was just out of their reach. Taylor got Swansea's last try, converted by Wyatt, while Evans and Wyatt got the visitor's tries, with Lafond converting one.

SCORERS: Swansea: Tries: S Davies (2), Michael, McBryde, Taylor (2). Conversions: M Wyatt (3). Penalty goal: M Wyatt. Barbarians: Tries: Dear, Donovan, D Evans (2), M Wyatt, penalty try. Conversions: M Wyatt, Lafond. Dropped goal: Lafond.

SWANSEA: M Wyatt; S Davies, T Michael, S Parfitt, B Taylor, M Dacey, S White, I Buckett, R McBryde, M Morgan, R Lakin, R Evans, N Davies, R Collins, P Arnold.

BARBARIANS: J-P Lafond (Racing Club); M Hall (Cardiff), D Evans (Cardiff), K Higgins (United States), P Donovan (Cardiff); M Wyatt (Canada), A Heubert (Lourdes); M Griffiths (Cardiff), C Hillman (South Wales Police; rep: K Waters, Newbridge), P Edwards (Cardiff), L Cabannes (Racing Club), S Dear (Rosslyn Park), S O'Leary (Wasps), G George (Newport), D White (London Scottish; rep: R Pool-Jones, Cambridge University).

Referee: L Peard (Castleton).

MARC ASPLAND

Distaff side: Burgess, the Wales No. 8 and captain, Dorrington, the England hooker, and Amond, the England captain, at Old Deer Park

Women flock to valley of the mauls

By ALIX RAMSAY

WALES — the spiritual home of rugby, the land that fathered Gareth Edwards, J. P. R. Williams and Barry John. A place where the success of the national team ranks alongside the achievements of Owen Glendower and Aneurin Bevan.

This week, another chapter, albeit a modest one, will be added as Wales plays host to the first women's rugby union World Cup. Twelve teams, including New Zealand, Japan, the Soviet Union and Canada, converge on the valleys for the week-long tournament, starting on Saturday.

This is not a genteel sport — these women play to win — but it is not a game played by female navvies. A quick check down the player-profiles reveals a host of engineers, solicitors and PR executives. But in the twinkling of an eye, they shed their shoulder pads and high heels and put on shin pads and gumshields.

Sue Dorrington works for Help the Aged as a special events manager, dealing with the rich and famous to persuade them to support the charity. Her every free moment is spent on the rugby field or in the training gym. "I spend half my life in a tracksuit and half my life dolled up in the office," she said. "Most of the titled women I speak to have no idea about my rugby. I can spend my morning shaking hands with Princess Diana and then run off to training in the afternoon."

Originally from Minnesota, Dorrington came to England to further her rugby career after playing in the United States. Now she is the Richmond and England hooker, qualifying for the national side through her marriage to an Englishman.

"There is something inexplicable about it," she said. "It gets into your system. Nothing gives me as much pleasure as rugby. It's my only sport. I'm 5ft tall and there are few team sports around that would accept a 5ft loud-mouthed American."

Although she is now a fully fledged Anglophile, Dorrington reveals her American roots in her attitude to the game. "I'm fortunate to be playing to a high standard, but I'm very competitive," she said. "The minute I'm dropped from the England squad or from the Richmond first team, I'll quit. I play to compete, not for fun."

Dorrington knows no fear: that rugby is a fierce contact sport is one of the attractions. "It's the challenge of playing the best I can and beating my opposition technically that appeals," she said. "As a hooker, it's a battle all the time and this is a game where women can use their power and strength, especially in the front row."

Her captain in the England side is Karen Almond, a PE teacher at a girls' prep school at Potters Bar. Her colleagues in the staff room and the parents are very supportive, if a little surprised, by her sporting achievements. "Most of them are quite impressed," she said. "At parents' evenings, we spend most of the time talking about rugby."

Almond has played rugby for the last ten years, since she was at Loughborough University, and has seen the game grow and develop to the point where there are now 100 clubs in the Women's Rugby Football Union. But she is still aware that women's rugby has a difficult image problem to overcome. While it is a rough game, she is adamant that it is not as bad as it seems.

"We've worked hard to keep the image clean," she said. "I find it much more horrific to watch from the touchline than I do when I'm playing. I think we are more careful than the men in the rucks and mauls — we tend to look before we jump. I like to think we show the same level of competitiveness but not the same vindictiveness."

Liza Burgess, the Welsh captain and No. 8, is not so sure. She believes there is little difference between the level of aggression and commitment shown in the men's and women's game.

"As a forward, I think it is just as rough and tough as the men's game," she said. "What you want to do is get in there and win the ball. The game is all about that. If you play a sport, the ultimate aim is to win. Without that, it is not a sport."

A reserve revels in the spotlight

By MICHAEL AUSTIN

Leicester 39
Wasps 18

JEZ Harris, the perennial understudy, first to Les Cusworth and more recently to Brian Smith, relished the performance he has long awaited as Leicester's first choice stand-off half against Wasps in front of a 5,000 crowd at Welford Road yesterday.

With Smith joining Balmain Rugby League club and Liley, the leading points scorer in England, out with an ankle injury, Harris revelled in responsibility. He landed nine place-kicks from 11 attempts, scoring 23 points in all, and played an integral part in Leicester establishing a 30-6 lead by half-time.

Both sides indulged themselves, spinning the ball freely despite Wasps' difficulties, both travelling and technical. Clough and Bates, two of their key backs, failed to arrive, restricting the London club to three regular first-choice players against Leicester's six.

Skinner, a last-minute deputy at scrum half, suffered a torrid time for Wasps, whose usual escape-hatch in rare times of stress this season — the talent of their runners — was closed because of depleted resources.

Wasps grew desperate in their efforts to move the ball to Oti and were sorely troubled by Back, whose effervescence belied the gruelling game he had played for the Barbarians two days earlier.

Leicester ruled the lineout, excelled in the loose and scored four tries to two. Harris injected the pace for one by Wills, the impressive full-back deputy for Liley.

Bernard, from full back, added a memorable touch for Wasps by using Smith as a foil, cutting infield and scoring between the posts after a 60-yard run.

Dodge, the former England centre, in his last month before retirement, scored a try for Leicester in the first minute. Wills and Sandford conjured another for Kardooni and the game, fast and loose, was on its merry way.

SCORERS: Leicester: Tries: Dodge, Kardooni, Wills, Back. Conversions: J Harris (4). Penalty goals: J Harris (5). Wasps: Tries: M Harris, Bernard. Conversions: Davies (2). Penalty goals: Davies (2).

LEICESTER: S Wills; M Cleaver, P Dodge, A Key, P Sandford; J Harris, A Kardooni; G Rowntree, C Tressler, S Redfern, J Wells, A Gissing, M Poole, N Back, S Povoas (rep: W Drake-Lee).

WASPS: P Bernard; S Smith, A Buzza, G Childs, C Oti; H Davies, M Skinner; G Holmes, P Green, I Dunston, C Wilkins, C Pinnegar, G Sage, M White, M Harris.

Referee: G Hughes (Manchester).

Survival proves incentive

By OWEN JENKINS

Pontypridd 27
Llanelli 13

PONTYPRIDD gained the two points they needed to stay in the Heineken League premier division next season yesterday with victory over a Llanelli side with its thoughts more on the Schweppes Cup semi-final against Neath next Sunday.

LLanelli remain in third position, a point behind Bridgend, but with a game in hand. Therefore, the final league match between these two will decide who will be second to Neath, who need one point from four games to win the title.

Llanelli, literally, were a shadow of the side which won at Pontypridd in the cup, but in this postponed league fixture the home side had more riding than LLanelli and they were more hungry and purposeful, with some powerful forward play.

Pontypridd's pack set up ample possession for their backs and the home side raced to a 10-0 lead. Lee, the scrum half, scored a try after Lewis, the centre, had been held short of the line, then John, the hooker, added a second from a misdirected tap-down from a lineout.

Llanelli scored with their first attack, which did not come until 23 minutes into the game, after Evans, on the right wing, had floated an inside pass to Evans, the full back. Pontypridd then established their authority with further tries from Jarman, the No. 8, and Jenkins, the stand-off, who converted both.

Llanelli kept their hopes alive with a try in injury time by Taffetsauffer, the flanker. Williams converted and kicked a penalty after seven minutes of the second half to make a game of it. Llanelli's hopes of a revival, though, were sunk as Jenkins scored his second try for Pontypridd from a blind-side break by Lee and also added a late penalty.

SCORERS: Pontypridd: Tries: Lee, John, Jarman, Jenkins (2). Conversions: Jenkins (2). Penalty goal: Jenkins. Llanelli: Tries: L Evans, Taffetsauffer. Conversion: H Williams. Penalty goal: H Williams.

PONTYPRIDD: J Mason; D Hughes, C Jones, S Lewis, S Cody; N Jenkins, K Lee; N Bezani, P John, P Knight, N Sanders, S Bain, M Rowley, D Earland, C Jarman.

LLANELLI: L Evans; I Evans, S Davies, I Jones (rep: R Moon), S Bowling; H Williams, S Jenkins; S Gale, A Lamerton, R Shaw (rep: A Buchanan), G Jones, P Davies, D Evans, A Taffetsauffer, J Williams.

Referee: B Wallace (Cwmbran).

SCHOOLS RUGBY

England groups go for double success

THE England 16 and 18 groups, following respective visits to Spain and Ireland, continue their international campaigns with games against Spain Under-16 at Bedford today and France Under-18 at Northampton tomorrow (Michael Stevenson writes).

The 16 group have just returned from Spain, where they played two matches at Iolo, near Prato. They won 27-16 against Spain B but lost 7-6 to a forceful and physical Spanish side in the second match.

The Spaniards managed to disrupt England's rhythm and were aided by sympathetic interpretation of the laws by the Italian referee. England's try was scored by Michael Brookes and converted by Simon Littiett.

The 18 group has experienced a baptism of fire this winter. Pitted against the Australians, the best schools side in the world who they narrowly lost to in January, they now face their most difficult annual assignment when they meet France tomorrow.

They trained at Northampton yesterday under the guidance of Wayne Shelford, the former New Zealand captain, and will have to make one change to the side. Simon Shaw is ruled out with a shoulder injury sustained in England's 15-0 defeat of Ireland in Limerick on Saturday.

England have a huge pack but, like their seniors this winter, sometimes seem unwilling to release the ball to an undoubtedly talented back division.

Haughty days of yesteryear drift further into oblivion

By PETER BILLS

Newport 50
London Welsh 16

IT IS 20 years since London Welsh supporters surveyed a British Lions touring party for New Zealand which included seven of their club's players. Times, though, have changed, and this heavy defeat, in the wind and drizzle at Rodney Parade, merely emphasised the long road up which London Welsh are gazing if they are to regain their former eminence.

Newport, who have themselves known a parlous plight in recent times, can perhaps offer London Welsh suggestions as to the best route back. The malaise which had descended over Rodney Parade has been lifted increasingly higher this season, so much so that, in its last four matches, the club has scored 168 points. In amassing 65 points against Ebbw Vale in the premier division of the Heineken League, Newport scored 12 tries on Saturday, and their power and sustained exertions yesterday brought a further nine.

There were two areas in which London Welsh were served nobly. Their backs moved with purposeful intent and no little speed whenever they were offered the opportunity, and the spirit of the side was not to be questioned.

Where they failed utterly, and therefore lost the game by a vast margin, was among the forwards. The Newport pack was far, far stronger in the set pieces, particularly the driven mauls. Time and again, Newport won second, third, and fourth phase ball, and no team can survive such a pounding.

Newport's back row worked feverishly all over the field, taking the ball into the maul and then preparing to take it on a stage further after their bulkier colleagues had secured the position. London Welsh had no answer to this formidable battering, and although Newport took a long time to spread their attacks wide, they continued to prosper mightily.

Newport, scoring through the excellent Withey after only three minutes, led 22-0 at half-time, having enjoyed the wind advntage. Callard, Turner and Orrell had added tries, but when Peacock reached Dawes's neat chip to score four minutes after the restart, there seemed just the chance of a London Welsh revival.

But this proved illusionary as Newport ran in five tries in the final 27 minutes as the London Welsh tackling faltered. Powell, Carter, Thomas, Jones and Callard scored, Turner converting seven. But the visitors did finish with a splendid 75-yard try, completed by Harries.

SCORERS: Newport: Tries: Callard (2), Withey, Turner, Orrell, Powell, Carter, Thomas, Jones. Conversions: Turner (7). LONDON WELSH: Tries: Peacock, Robins, Harries. Conversions: Phillips (2).

NEWPORT: J Powell; D Griffiths, K Orrell, L Jones, J Thomas; P Turner, N Callard; S Duggan (rep: G Finney), A Peacock, M Sibthorpe, K Withey, C Crane, D Waters, A Carter, M Francis.

LONDON WELSH: P Harries; S Pill, M Dawes, A Palfrey, O Robins; R Phillips, M Douglas; J Dawes, A Tucker, R Thomas, M Lewis, P Strinati (rep: A Williams), S Williams, S Butt, G Peacock.

Referee: R Yeman (Port Talbot).

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Courage Clubs Championship
Fourth division south

Redruth 24 Camborne 6

Heineken Welsh League
Premier division

Pontypridd 27 Llanelli 13

Pontypridd: Tries: Jenkins (2), Lee, John, Jarman. Cons: Jenkins (2). Pen: Jenkins. Llanelli: Tries: Evans, Taffettauffe. Con: Williams. Pen: Williams.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neath	14	13	0	1	317	155	26
Bridgend	15	9	2	4	226	214	20
Llanelli	15	9	1	5	311	235	19
Cardiff	15	8	1	6	322	206	17
Swansea	15	8	0	7	287	231	16
Pontypool	14	7	0	7	315	244	14
Pontypridd	14	6	1	7	286	213	13
Newbridge	14	6	0	8	247	198	12
Glamorgan W	15	3	0	12	134	389	6
Abertillery	15	1	1	13	118	466	3

Tour match

Swansea 33 Barbarians 31

Swansea: Tries: Davies (2), Taylor (2), Michael, McBryde. Cons: Wyatt (3). Pen: Wyatt. Barbarians: Tries: Evans (2), Dear, Donovan, Wyatt, penalty try. Cons: Wyatt, Lafonde. Dropped goal: Lafonde.

Club matches

Bedford	44	Northampton	22
Bristol	19	Glamorgan W	10
Gloucester	30	Fylde	3
Langholm	15	Birkenhead Pk	24
Leicester	39	Wasps	18
L'pool St Hs	19	Halifax	7
Moseley	66	Tredegar	16
Neath	26	Aberavon	22
Newbridge	50	Abertillery	3
Newport	50	L Welsh	16
Nottingham	37	Vale Of Lune	16
Pontypool	43	Nuneaton	13
Waterloo	19	Orrell	16
Maesteg	12	Bridgend	20

IRELAND: Towns Cup: Final: Omagh Academicals 7, Ballymena 13 (at Ravenhill).

☐ Sports injuries to New Zealanders, who are covered by a government compensation scheme, are costing the taxpayer more than NZ$26 million (about £9 million) a year, with more than a third going to rugby players, figures showed yesterday. The government is planning to drop the system.

☐ Finlay Calder is to make a surprise comeback next month alongside some of his 1989 British Isles players to raise money for charity. Calder, who retired from international rugby last summer, has agreed to lead an Ian McGeechan XV in a match in aid of the new Wakefield Hospice in West Yorkshire.

David Sole, the Scotland captain, is among eight Scots in the line-up, which will also include England's grand slam players, Rory Underwood, Nigel Heslop, Wade Dooley, Paul Ackford and Brian Moore. McGeechan's XV face a Wakefield side led by the former England captain, Mike Harrison.

☐ John Green, who is based in South Glamorgan, will captain the England Students XV in a match against the Scottish Students at Cambridge on April 16.

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POOLS FORECAST

Saturday April 6

ZENITH SYSTEMS DATA CUP FINAL

Not on coupons: Crystal Palace v Everton (at Wembley, Sunday)

FIRST DIVISION

X A Villa v Man Utd
2 Sunderland v QPR

Not on coupons: Manchester City v Nottingham Forest; Norwich v Coventry; Sheffield United v Arsenal; Tottenham v Southampton; Wimbledon v Leeds

SECOND DIVISION

X Bristol R v Plymouth
1 Middlesbro v Bristol C
1 Notts Co v Newcastle
X Oldham v Millwall
1 Oxford v Blackburn
X Portsmth v Sheff Wed
2 Port Vale v West Ham
2 Swindon v Watford
1 Wolves v West Brom

Not on coupons: Barnsley v Hull; Charlton v Ipswich; Leicester v Brighton

THIRD DIVISION

X Bradford v Southend
1 Brentford v Crewe
2 Chester v Fulham
1 Exeter v Shrewsbury
1 Grimsby v Cambridge
2 Hudd'field v Stoke
X Leyton O v Bourn'm'th
X Mansfield v Reading
1 Preston v Bury
1 Swansea v Wigan

Not on coupons: Bolton v Birmingham; Tranmere v Rotherham (Friday)

FOURTH DIVISION

1 Burnley v Torquay
X Carlisle v Scunthorpe
1 Darlington v Scarboro
2 Halifax v Cardiff
1 Hereford v Doncaster
2 Lincoln v Blackpool
X Maidstone v Rochdale
1 North'pton v Gillingham
1 Peterboro v Aldershot
1 Stockport v Chest'field
X Walsall v Hartlepool
1 York v Wrexham

HFS LOANS LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Bangor v Fleetwood
2 Chorley v Marine
X Matlock v B Auckland
1 Morecambe v Buxton
2 Mossley v Leek
2 Shepshed v Stalybridge

BEAZER HOMES LGE PREMIER DIVISION

2 Crawley v Marine
1 Dover v Rugby
1 Moor Green v Dorch'st'r
X Poole v Dartford
1 Weymouth v Rushden
1 Worcester v Bashley

VAUXHALL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Grays v Harrow
1 Marlow v Leyton-W
X St Albans v Staines
2 Windsor v Enfield
1 Woking v Barking

SCOTTISH CUP SEMI-FINAL

Not on coupons: Dundee United v St Johnstone (at Dunfermline)

SCOTTISH PREMIER

1 Hearts v Dunf'mline

Not on coupons: Aberdeen v Celtic; Rangers v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST

1 Clyde v Forfar

Not on coupons: Ayr v Clydebank; Dundee v Morton; Falkirk v Brechin; Hamilton v Partick; Meadowbank v Airdrie; Raith v Kilmarnock

SCOTTISH SECOND

1 Albion v Q of South
1 Alloa v Arbroath
2 E Stirling v East Fife
X Montrose v Stirling
1 Stenh'muir v Berwick
1 Stranraer v Dumbarton

Not on coupons: Cowdenbeath v Queen's Park

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams): Aston Villa, Bristol Rovers, Oldham, Portsmouth, Bradford City, Leyton Orient, Mansfield, Carlisle, Maidstone, Poole, St Albans, Montrose.

BEST DRAWS: Portsmouth, Bradford City, Leyton Orient, Mansfield, Poole.

AWAYS: West Ham, Fulham, Stalybridge, Burton, Enfield.

HOMES: Middlesbrough, Oxford, Wolves, Brentford, Grimsby, Preston, Burnley, Peterborough, Morecambe, Grays, Woking, Albion.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Wolves, Grimsby, Preston, Peterborough, Morecambe. Aways: West Ham, Stalybridge, Enfield. Draws: Portsmouth, Leyton Orient, Poole.

● Vince Wright

SNOOKER

Dyson denies Thorburn Sheffield date

CLIFF Thorburn, the former world title-holder, has failed to reach the final stages of the Embassy world championship for the first time since it moved to Sheffield in 1977 (Steve Acteson writes). The Canadian was beaten 10-5 in Preston by Nick Dyson, the world No. 64.

Thorburn, aged 42, who won the world championship in 1980 and reached the semi-final of the European Open in Rotterdam last month, saw Dyson compile a break of 108 in the thirteenth frame before he became the fourth former world champion to fail in the qualifying rounds, the others being Fred Davis, John Spencer and Ray Reardon. The final rounds at the Crucible Theatre start on April 20.

☐ Steve Davis, who has won the world championship six times, begins the defence of his Irish Masters title at Goffs, Co Kildare, on Friday.

BASKETBALL

Videotape may help Giants

By NICHOLAS HARLING

MANCHESTER Giants, who have until today to file a protest in writing to the Basketball League over their controversial exit from the Carlsberg Championship play-offs at Bracknell on Saturday, hope to enlist the support of an amateur film-maker in the crowd to back their claims.

The independent camerawoman was encountered by the Manchester players after their 84-82 defeat in the decisive leg of the quarter-final had sent Thames Valley Tigers through to a semi-final against Sunderland at the NEC in Birmingham on April 12.

With her videotape, Giants hope to prove that the match should have been over by the time Kris Kearney fouled Dale Roberts in the act of shooting an unsuccessful three-pointer.

Giants are banking on the unexpected evidence because they feel they have no chance of obtaining the home club's official video of the match. "I feel so confident that I didn't foul Roberts that I would like to see the video," Kearney said.

Roberts, who scored with all three free shots to bring Tigers from 82-81 down, was said by Kearney to have told him after the game: "You never touched me." But later, Roberts had changed his stance slightly to say: "There was a touch, but it was not enough to knock my shot off."

Jeff Jones, the Manchester coach, was so incensed by the decision that he harangued the referee, Mick Howell, all the way back to the dressing room.

Although only a single point had separated the clubs in both previous legs, there was no hint of the suspense to come when Jenkins hit his fourth three-pointer for Tigers during a spell in which they hit nine points without reply to open up a 29-20 advantage. But after the lead had changed hands for the twelfth time in the first half, Manchester were always ahead.

In Saturday's other play-off, there was no such excitement at Hemel Hempstead, where the home team succumbed 111-87 to Kingston, who thus completed a 2-0 aggregate victory. Sunderland and Leicester, the two other clubs to have reached the play-off semi-finals at the NEC, will meet in the semi-finals if Manchester's appeal succeeds. If it fails, Kingston will play Leicester and Sunderland will oppose Tigers.

☐ INDIANAPOLIS: Duke and Kansas sprung surprises on Saturday to reach the National Collegiate Athletic Association championship final (AP reports). Duke beat the top-ranked University of Nevada-Las Vegas 79-77 and Kansas beat North Carolina 79-73.

Although Duke (31-7) will be playing in their fifth title game, they are still seeking their first championship.

GOLF

US victory for man determined to do things his way

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida

FOR ten years, Steve Elkington has made his home in the United States, and with his win in The Players' Championship here on Sunday, he found fame and fortune. The paradox is that with his triumph comes a ten-year exemption on the US PGA Tour, which will give him the freedom to compete more often in his native Australia and elsewhere if he desires.

"I've been concentrating on the US Tour, which has meant I've spent little time in Australia but I dearly love it," he said.

Elkington, aged 28, was raised in Wagga Wagga, a country town in New South Wales, and he gained high praise when as a lean youngster he won several junior events. His life took a change of direction when in 1980 he represented Australia in the Doug Sanders junior world championship in Scotland.

Sanders lives in Houston and it is there that since 1981 Elkington has made *his* home. He spent four years at the University of Houston. There he graduated to All-American and he helped them to win two national titles. In other words, he was for a time one of the eight best college players in the United States.

Elkington has pointed out that he did not go to the United States with the intention of turning professional. But the former Australian amateur champion did so in 1985, although he needed two attempts to win his card for the US Tour. He filled the time by playing in Europe but with little success. "I think I had a couple of top-ten finishes," he said.

His immediate commitment to the US Tour mystified some observers especially as Australian compatriots like Rodger Davis, Craig Parry, Ian Baker-Finch and Wayne Grady, had followed Greg Norman by using Europe as an arena to hone their games. But Elkington, was determined to do it his way, even if it meant staying in the shadows. asked if he might rival Norman for popularity, he laughed. "He's a big shark, I'm just a fish," he said. "But I'm a bigger fish than I was yesterday."

Australians have now won the last two important events to be played on American soil. Grady triumphed in the US PGA Championship last August. With Ian Woosnam having won in New Orleans the previous Sunday, Americans are once again being frustrated on their own fairways.

Elkington's victory emphasised his ability to compete under pressure. He took three putts at the 17th, but his approach to the 18th was perfect. The ball had rolled into a divot, but from 208 yards he hit a marvellous three-iron to 15 feet below the cup, holing the putt for what proved to be the winning birdie.

Elkington finished with a 68 for a total of 276, 12 under par. Fuzzy Zoeller, aged 39, turned back the years with a 72 for second place, one shot behind, but Tom Watson, aged 41, did not. He forfeited the chance of ending a four-year losing sequence with a disappointing 77. "It was the worst I've played all year from tee to green," Watson said.

With his win, Elkington, who won the Greater Greensboro Open in 1990, earned $288,000 (about £164,500) to increase his winnings on the US Tour to $1,345,107. But he says: "Golf is not a money thing. I wouldn't go to Europe for it. I don't like the courses much, or the place in general."

He has been proved right to move through the learning curve in the United States. Elkington is building a home in Houston where, coincidentally, he will compete this week in the Independent Agent Open, which starts at The Woodlands on Thursday. Nick Faldo, Severiano Ballesteros, José-María Olazábal and Sandy Lyle will be among his rivals. Bernhard Langer and Ian Woosnam are taking the week off before the Masters at Augusta National next week.

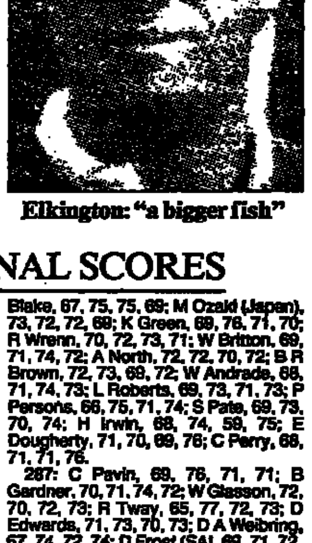
Langer, winner of the Masters in 1985, finished as the leading European in The Players' Championship after a 69, which gave him a share of sixth place. "If I was a gambler, I would put money on myself to win the Masters," he said.

"I've played well all year, I've had only one bad round and I love Augusta. It's a mystery to me why I always play so well there. — I've always gone into the last round within six shots of the lead — but I do," he said.

"I don't hit a high ball, although I can draw it, which is important. I guess my chipping and putting is always pretty good there. I've made a slight change to my take-away and I've never been happier with my game."

☐ Elkington's victory makes him one of five players to get automatic qualification for the world professional championship in Jamaica in December. Elkington joins Nick Faldo, Peter Senior, and the Americans, Rocco Mediate and Andrew Magee as assured competitors in the world championships.

☐ Woosnam has moved into second place behind Faldo in the latest world rankings. Woosnam, who finished fifteenth in the Players' Championship, is narrowly ahead of José-María Olazábal in the averages.



Elkington: "a bigger fish"

LEADING FINAL SCORES

IS unless stated): 276: S Elkington us), 66, 70, 72, 68. 277: F Zoeller, 68, 8, 69, 72. 278: J Cook, 71, 73, 69, 65; Azinger, 67, 68, 69, 74; P Blackmar, 7, 72, 69, 70. 280: B Langer (Ger), 70, 0, 71, 69; B Lietzke, 71, 72, 69, 69; C Strange, 71, 68, 70, 71. 281: R Nadkins, 68, 74, 69, 70; N Price (Zim), 8, 75, 67, 71; G Sauers, 68, 74, 68, 71; R Lohr, 68, 71, 68, 74. 282: J Delsing, 71, 71, 71, 69; M McCumber, 70, 72, 9, 71. 283: K Clearwater, 72, 72, 70, 9; J Huston, 72, 71, 70, 70; C Parry Aus), 70, 74, 69, 70; I Woosnam (GB), 2, 69, 70, 72; R Mediate, 69, 74, 68, 72.

284: N Lancaster, 71, 73, 69, 71; R Eastwood, 66, 74, 71, 73; T Watson, 8, 74, 65, 77. 285: M McNulty (Zim), 70, 72, 72, 71; L Nelson, 72, 72, 70, 71; F Couples, 70, 74, 69, 72; B McCallister, 67, 75, 70, 73. 286: J D Blake, 67, 75, 75, 69; M Ozaki (Japan), 73, 72, 72, 69; K Green, 69, 76, 71, 70; R Wrenn, 70, 72, 73, 71; W Britton, 69, 71, 74, 72; A North, 72, 72, 70, 72; B R Brown, 72, 73, 69, 72; W Andrade, 68, 71, 74, 73; L Roberts, 69, 73, 71, 73; P Persons, 66, 75, 71, 74; S Pate, 69, 73, 70, 74; H Irwin, 68, 74, 69, 75; E Dougherty, 71, 70, 69, 76; C Perry, 68, 71, 71, 76.

287: C Pavin, 69, 76, 71, 71; B Gardner, 70, 71, 74, 72; W Glasson, 72, 70, 72, 73; R Tway, 65, 77, 72, 73; D Edwards, 71, 73, 70, 73; D A Weibring, 67, 74, 72, 74; D Frost (SA), 69, 71, 72, 75; S Jones 71, 70, 71, 75; I Baker-Finch (Aus), 69, 69, 71, 78; J Sindelar, 68, 75, 67, 77; B Claar, 70, 69, 69, 70. Other scores: 289: N Faldo (GB), 72, 72, 71, 74. 291: S Ballesteros (Sp), 72, 72, 73, 74; G Norman (Aus), 75, 70, 70, 76.

Alcott cruises home in style

From Patricia Davies in Rancho Mirage, California

THERE is no false modesty about Amy Alcott and after the 29th victory of her career, and one of the most comprehensive, in the Nabisco Dinah Shore at Mission Hills Country Club on Sunday, she had little to be modest about.

"I don't remember playing this well in a tournament. I just played incredibly," the Californian said after a final round of 68 had given her a record total of 273, 15 under par, and a record winning margin, of eight strokes, from Dottie Mochrie.

"I played what I would call steady, brilliant golf," was Alcott's summing up of her third win in the Dinah, which led to a repeat of her dive into the lake at the 18th green after victory in 1988. This time Alcott and Bill Kurre, her caddie, were joined by Dinah Shore herself, a septuagenarian now but still a true showbiz trooper, who took off her jacket and sunglasses before taking the mucky plunge.

Appropriately, Alcott, a Pisces who likes water, is building herself a swimming pool and she said that the first prize of $90,000 (£51,800) would help. It was only $9,000 less than she won in the whole of last season, when she was 42nd on the money list, by far her worst showing in 17 years on the tour. Her mother's death from cancer was one of the contributory factors, and she was never far from Alcott's thoughts last week.

Laura Davies was the best of the Europeans, finishing with a 71, one under par, for a total of 291 and a share of 23rd place. Lotte Neumann, Marta Figueras-Dotti and Helen Alfredsson were all within five shots of Davies, while Alison Nicholas, Pam Wright and Anne-Marie Palli missed the cut.

LEADING FINAL SCORES (US unless stated): 273: A Alcott, 67, 70, 68, 68. 281: D Mochrie, 70, 71, 71, 69. 282: P Sheehan, 71, 71, 70, 70; P Bradley, 70, 72, 73, 67. 284: L Garbacz, 73, 71, 70, 70. 285: C Keggi, 72, 70, 73, 70; A Okamoto (Japan), 72, 69, 74, 71; N Brown, 74, 69, 70, 72; M Nause, 71, 72, 69, 73. 286: Ok-Hee Ku (S Korea), 69, 72, 73, 72. 287: E King, 72, 75, 71, 69; D Ammaccapane, 75, 70, 71, 71; A Benz, 73, 70, 73, 71; V Fergon, 70, 76, 69, 72; J Dickinson, 71, 75, 67, 74; T Green, 73, 71, 68, 75. British: 289: L Davies, 72, 73, 73, 71.

Ersatz, but so far fine and dandy

Simon Barnes

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Grounded Monarch: Brinson, with the ball, is about to feel the full weight of Dean, of New York Knights

LONDON dressed up in its most prestigious I've-been-to-actual-America sweatshirts, marched not in chanting armies but with wives and girlfriends and children, sank a few beers, and seemed thoroughly to enjoy an utterly dire game of American football between the London Monarchs and the New York Knights on Sunday which "we" won 22-18.

This is the launch of the World League of American Football (WLAF), and London is the keystone of the entire project. Succeed in London, and American football really can start to become a global game. The World Bowl, the new league's cup final, will be held in London in June 9. "I can see 500 million Chinese buying World League merchandise and watching their own team on TV," said the WLAF president, Mike Lynch.

Failure in London would turn the experiment into American football's little Vietnam. Thus far, the verdict is not proven. Anyone can start with a bang but I wonder if another crowd of 46,000 will turn up on Saturday to see the game with Orlando Thunder.

There is something about the whole experiment that is irresistibly comic. Football — sah-kurr — is the world's game, loved and played everywhere but the United States. Soccer's governing body, Fifa, is bending over backwards to win over America. It has given that nation its premier tournament, the World Cup, and was thinking of changing its oldest rules in an effort to appeal to American tastes, to chop the game up into segments to make room for television commercials.

America's only interest in the 1994 World Cup is in sneering. Faggot's game, right? So, with unbelievable cheek, America is offering its own game to the world.

How could such an enterprise possibly succeed? Well, here's a clue. Sunday's game's sponsors included Coca-Cola, Kentucky Fried Chicken, *USA Today* newspaper and Delta Airlines: four concerns for whom an American identity is as important as a global marketing strategy. And it works. Take, say, India. I would happily take a pound, or even a dollar, for every time I have been drinking Indian mixed tea and smoking beedies and was sneered at by a young local with Coke and Marlboros, or something that at least looked similar, even if it didn't taste the same.

Sunday night's game looked similar to a big American football game, but it didn't taste the same. But what do you expect? The players are earning no more than $20,000 for the brief season and have practised together for weeks rather than years. The game was a catalogue of errors — six interceptions, three fumbles, and about a million penalties. But the Brits sat in their baseball-style one-size-fits-all caps, drank their Budweiser and cheered. It was like an American game in one very important sense: the audience was more middle-class couples and families than large groups of lads.

Britain's infatuation with gridiron began with Heysel. That disaster was followed by an instinctive turning away from soccer. That was 1985, the year of William "The Refrigerator" Perry and the Chicago Bears. Here was action, here was sport, here was fun. We turned to gridiron for blessed relief. The torch was lit and the following year, for the first time in history, *The Times* sent someone to cover the Super Bowl. I know. I was that soldier.

The Bears were the real start of it all. The question is whether that was enough. Has the plant put down any roots in those five years? Is this liking for American football no more than dandyism, a dressing up, sport's equivalent of the lady who says: "Oh! What's the English for *cafetiere*?"

Soccer is the greatest participation game in the world. All you need is a ball and couple of sweaters. A tin can and a couple of sticks will do, often does. But gridiron is the great spectator sport. For the overwhelming majority, the game is not for playing, any more than is boxing.

Gridiron is the perfect television game. Does that make it the game of the future? The world now watches the Super Bowl every year, and two of the last three games have been things of perfection.

The last World Cup gave us a huge number of awful games. The more soccer tries to become televisible, the more it loses itself: the hold-on-and-play-for-penalties tactic was the ruination of the last World Cup.

The WLAF, then, has a great deal going for it. It has no tradition to work on here but on the other hand, dandyism is not a force to be underestimated. People make fortunes out of dandyism. Half of advertising depends on it. Dandyism is a force that makes people buy certain kinds of cigarettes, drinks, junk food, even newspapers. Is there any good reason why this should not be enough for sport?

Monarchs on to a winner at Wembley

LONDON Monarchs' first game at home on Sunday night attracted 46,952 spectators. Like the team they came to support, they took a while to warm to the task but it soon emerged that the majority had a good knowledge of the game (Richard Wetherell writes).

Soon after the 22-18 victory over the New York Knights, talk already moved to Saturday's encounter against Orlando Thunder at Wembley.

That the crowd was as large, and as knowledgeable, as it was, reasserted the view that the sport need not be confined to the National Football League. The fledgling nature of the World League of American Football (WLAF) means that too much can be read into a single event, but the excitement bodes well.

Players and coaches were surprised that the spectators knew when and how to react. Dan Crossman, voted the Monarchs' player of the match for his crucial touchdown after he blocked a punt, said: "They didn't make a sound when we were warming up. Then the game started. They were terrific throughout."

The crowd, along with the Monarchs, stirred to life in the second half, reacting to the home team's three touchdowns in the third quarter as though this was the 101st, not the first, WLAF game at Wembley. However, as Stan Gelbaugh, the Monarchs quarterback, said, they were probably more forgiving than American supporters.

A remarkable final surge by the Knights almost made it an unhappy homecoming. With 1min 21sec remaining, they moved 16 yards upfield before a second interception by Dedrick Dodge, with ten seconds left, stilled the panic and provoked unbridled joy.

The Monarchs, while delighted with their victory, realised they have room for improvement. "At times we looked like an NFL team, sometimes we looked like a high school team," Larry Kennan, the head coach, said.

That the Monarchs next host Orlando, who have also won their first two games, adds further spice. Following their 35-34 win last week, Thunder struck 58-20 over Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks on Saturday, scoring on ten of their 14 possessions. Kerwin Bell threw four touchdown passes.

In the other WLAF game on Saturday, John Miller returned an interception for a 99-yard touchdown to take Birmingham Fire to a 17-10 victory over Sacramento Surge.

SCORERS (Monarchs' score first): touchdown Graham, conversion Belli (0-7); field goal P Alexander (3-7); touchdown D Smith (9-7); touchdown Riley, conversion P Alexander (16-7); touchdown Crossman (22-7); touchdown Wilkerson, two-point conversion Lewis (22-15); field goal Belli (22-18).

OTHER RESULTS: Orlando Thunder 58, Raleigh-Durham Skyhawks 20; Birmingham Fire 17; Sacramento Surge 10.

OVERSEAS FOOTBALL

Powdered Easter egg rolled out for Maradona

By Russell Kempson

THE Italian love affair with Diego Maradona, which started to sour with his every appearance and utterance during the World Cup, seems to be over.

As Osvaldo Ardiles, his former Argentine team-mate, is heralded on Tyneside, Maradona contemplates life at the opposite end of the popularity poll.

Facing claims of drug abuse — a urine sample taken after the game against Bari on March 17 showed traces of cocaine — Maradona woke up to the full fury of the Italian press at the weekend. *La Repubblica* published a cartoon of him sniffing suspect white powder from an Easter egg; *Tuttosport* reckoned he had seen "his last lira of credit go down the test tube".

Add a squalid series of rows, missed training and club fines this season and it is clear that Maradona is existing on borrowed time in Italy. Whatever the outcome of the latest allegations, the player who gave us the "hand of God" may need further divine intervention to regain his credibility.

Naples, the Italian champions, were without Maradona — he was serving a one-match suspension for an on-the-field misdemeanour — when they drew 1-1 with Internazionale. Matthäus gave Inter the lead in the seventieth minute; Careca, the Brazilian forward, equalised two minutes later.

Sampdoria, the league leaders, maintained their three-point cushion over Inter with a 0-0 draw against Genoa, their local rivals. AC Milan moved closer in third place with a 1-0 success over Torin, Van Basten scoring the decider.

In Spain, Real Madrid's slump continued when they lost 1-0 against Burgos — their fourth successive defeat in the Bernabeu. Real are in danger of failing to qualify for Europe for only the second time in their history.

Barcelona shared a 1-1 draw with Atlético Madrid, their nearest challengers for a European Cup place next season. Barcelona went ahead when Resino fumbled a 57th-minute effort from Salinas and Vizcaino equalised eight minutes later, leaving Atlético four points off the pace.

OVERSEAS CUP AND LEAGUE RESULTS

ARGENTINE: Estudiantes de la Plata 3, Deportivo Espanol 1; Lanus 0, Velez Sarsfield 0; Talleres (Cordoba) 2, Ferro Carril Oeste 1; Racing Club 2, Gimnasia Esgrima La Plata 1; Deportivo Mandiyu (Corrientes) 1, Rosario Central 0; Boca Juniors 1, River Plate 0; Newell's Old Boys 1, Chaco for Ever 0; San Lorenzo de Almagro 1, Independiente 0; Platense 1, Union 1; Argentinos Juniors 0, Huracan 0.

AUSTRIAN: Salzburg 1, Admira Wacker Wien 1; Austria Vienna 2, Sturm Graz 0; FC Tirol 2, Rapid Vienna 0; Alpine Donawitz 1, Vorwarts Steyr 1. Leading positions (after 26 matches): 1, FC Tirol, 23pts; 2, Austria Vienna, 23; 3, Sturm Graz, 19.

BELGIAN: FC Liège 2, Waregem 2; St Truiden 0, Molenbeek 2; Antwerp 0, Mechelen 0; Anderlecht 4, Charleroi 0; Lierse 2, Genk 0; Kortrijk 0, Standard Liège 2; SK Bruges 3, Lokeren 1; Ekeren 0, FC Bruges 3; Ghent 1, Beerschot 0. Leading positions (after 27 matches): 1, Anderlecht, 43 pts; 2, Ghent, 39, 3, FC Mechelen, 33.

BRAZILIAN: Atlético (Minas Gerais) 3, Flamengo 1; Internacional 1, Santos 1; São Paulo 2, Bragantino 1; Vasco 1, Fluminense 1; Corinthians 2, Portuguesa 0; Nautico 2, Goias 2; Bahia 1, Atletico (Parana) 1. Leading positions (after ten matches): 1, Atlético (Minas Gerais), 13pts; 2, São Paulo, 13; 3, Corinthians, 13.

CZECHOSLOVAK: Slovan Bratislava 3, Sigma Olomouc 1; Tatran Presov 3, Union Cheb 1; Sparta Prague 0, Banik Ostrava 0; TJ Vitkovice 1, Dukla Banska Bystrica 2; Spartak Hradec Kralove 2, Slavia Prague 1; FC Nitra 0, DAC Dunajska Streda 2; Bohemians Prague 2, Dukla Prague 2; Zbrojovka Brno 0, Inter Bratislava 0. Leading positions (after 20 matches): 1, Slovan Bratislava, 27pts; 2, Union Cheb, 26; 3, Dukla Banska Bystrica, 26.

DUTCH: Roda JC Kerkrade 1, SC Heerenveen 0; FC Den Haag 3, PSV Eindhoven 0; Ajax Amsterdam 1, MVV Maastricht 0; Sparta Rotterdam 3, NEC Nijmegen 1; SVV Schiedam 1, FC Utrecht 0; Vitesse Arnhem 0, FC Volendam 0; RKC Waalwijk 1, Feyenoord Rotterdam 0; Willem II Tilburg 1, FC Groningen 2; Fortuna Sittard 0, FC Twente Enschede 0.

EAST GERMAN LEAGUE: Eisenhüttenstadt 0, Hansa Rostock 0. Leading positions (18 matches): 1, Hansa Rostock, 28pts; 2, Dynamo Dresden, 23; 3, Chemnitz, 21.

GERMAN CUP: Quarter-finals: Eintracht Frankfurt 3, Wattenscheid 1; Hessen Kassel 0, Werder Bremen 2; FC Cologne 1, VfB Stuttgart 0; Bayer Uerdingen 1, MSV Duisburg 4.

GREEK: Doxa Drama 2, Panionios 0; Iraklis 4, PAS Ioannina 0; Larissa 1, Xanthi 0; Levadiakos 1, Athinaikos 0; OFI Crete 3, Apollon 0; Panathinaikos 4, AEK Athens 0; Panachaiki 3, PAOK 2; Panserraikos 1, Aris 0; Olympiakos 2, Ionikos 1. Leading positions (after 25 matches): 1, Panathinaikos, 38pts; 2, Olympiakos, 36; 3, Athinaikos, 33.

HUNGARIAN: Ferencvaros 1, Szeged 0; Honved 4, Volan 0; Pecs 0, Veszprem 0; Vasas 1, Tatabanya 2; Zzzo 2, Videoton 2; Debrecen 0, Ujpest 0; MTK 2, Raba Eto Gyoer 1; Siofok 0, Bekescsaba 0.

LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 1, Sligo Rovers 2; Cork City 1, Galway United 0; Dundalk 0, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Limerick City 2, Bohemians 3; Shamrock Rovers 2, Derry City 5; Shelbourne 3, Waterford United 0. Leading positions: (after 29 matches): 1, Cork City 46; 2, Dundalk, 44; 3, St Patrick's 41.

ITALIAN: Bologna 2, AS Roma 3; Cagliari 2, Parma 1; Genoa 0, Sampdoria 0; Juventus 3, Bari 1; Lazio 1, Cesena 1; Lecce 2, Fiorentina 0; AC Milan 1, Torino 0; Naples 1, Internazionale 1; Pisa 0, Atalanta 2. Leading positions: (after 17, matches): 1, Sampdoria, 40pts; 2, Internazionale, 37; 3, AC Milan, 35.

POLISH: Lech Poznan 0, Olimpia Poznan 0; Legia Warsaw 0, Zaglebie Lubin 0; Gornik Zabrze 0, Slask Wroclaw 0; Zawisza Bydgoszcz 1, Hutnik Krakow 0; LKS Lodz 1, Stal Mielec 0; Igloopol Debica 4, Ruch Chorzow 0; GKS Katowice 1, Motor Lublin 0; Wisla Krakow 1, Zaglebie Sosnowiec 0. Leading positions (after 19 matches): 1, Wisla Krakow, 26pts; 2, GKS Katowice, 26; 3, Gornik Zabrze, 25.

PORTUGUESE: Beira Mar 4, Uniao da Madeira 1; Benfica 2, Setubal 0; Gil Vicente 1, Estrela Amadora 1; Penafiel 2, Boavista 1; Sporting 2, Famalicao 0; Tirsense 0, Chaves 2. Leading positions (after 29 matches) 1, Benfica, 52pts; 2, Porto, 49; 3, Sporting, 46.

SOVIET: Dynamo Minsk 0, Central Army Sports Club Moscow 1; Ararat Yerevan 0, Shakhtyor Donetsk 2; Dnepr 1, Dynamo Moscow 0; Chernomorets Odessa 0, Dynamo Kiev 1; Torpedo Moscow 2, Ararat Yerevan 0; Shakhtyor Donetsk 0, Pamir Dushanbe 0; Metalist Kharkov 2, Spartak Vladikavkaz 0; Lokomotiv Moscow 2, Metallurg Zaporozhye 0.

SPANISH: Barcelona 1, Atlético Madrid 1; Castellón 3, Sporting Gijón 2; Seville 2, Osasuna 1; Real Mallorca 0, Athletic Bilbao 0; Real Zaragoza 0, Tenerife 1; Cadiz 0, Real Valladolid 0; Real Sociedad 1, Betis 0; Logroñes 1, Valencia 0; Real Oviedo 4, Español 1; Real Madrid 0, Burgos 1. Leading positions (after 28 matches): 1, Barcelona, 45pts; 2, Atlético Madrid, 41; 3, Osasuna, 33.

TURKISH: Genclerbirligi 2, Besiktas 0; Boluspor 2, Trabzonspor 0; Fenerbahce 1, Bakirkoyspor 0; Zeytinburnuspor 1, Sariyer 1; Aydinspor 1, Karsiyaka 0; Konyaspor 3, Ankaragucu 2; Gaziantepspor 1, Bursaspor 2; Galatasaray 5, Adanaspor 2. Leading positions: 1, Besiktas, played 25, pts 58; 2, Galatasaray, 25, 55; 3, Trabzonspor, 25, 48.

YUGOSLAV: Rad 2, Olimpija 0; Vojvodina 1, Radnicki 0; Proleter 3, Zeljeznicar 0; Spartak 0, Rijeka 1; Osijek 4, Zemun 1; Sloboda 0, Velez 0 (Velez won 7-6 on pens); Red Star 4, Buducnost 1; Hajduk 1, Borac 1 (Borac won 4-3 on pens); Sarajevo 1, Partizan 0.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League
First division
Leeds v Sunderland (7.45)
Manchester Utd v Wimbledon (7.45)

Second division
Ipswich v Portsmouth (7.45)

Third division
Birmingham v Tranmere (7.45)
Bournemouth v Grimsby (7.45)
Cambridge Utd v Bolton (7.45)
Shrewsbury v Bradford
Southend v Chester

Fourth division
Blackpool v Carlisle
Torquay v Maidstone

B and Q Scottish League
First division
Clyde v Ayr
Forfar v Falkirk
Morton v Clydebank

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Aylesbury v Redbridge Forest (7.45); St Albans v Carshalton. First division: Boreham Wood v Whyteleafe; Walton and Hersham v Molesey; Wembley v Hitchin; Worthing v Heybridge Swifts. Second division north: Barton v Tring; Billericay v Hertford; Finchley v Ware; Hemel Hempstead v Basildon; Kingsbury v Collier Row; Purfleet v Clapton. Second division south: Bracknell v Hungerford; Cove v Feltham; Maidenhead v Southall; Malden Vale v Flackwell Heath; Newbury v Egham.

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Sheffield Wed v Rotherham (7.0). Second division: Burnley v Middlesbrough (7.15); West Bromwich v Barnsley (7.0).

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Chelsea v Watford (2.0).

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Alnwick v Tow Law; Ferryhill Athletic v Peterlee Newtown.

OTHER SPORT

BILLIARDS: Strachan UK Championships (Bolton).

SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Irish Masters (Goffs, Co Kildare); World professional Championships: Qualifying rounds (Preston).

TENNIS

Graf's power proves too potent for Seles

SAN ANTONIO — Steffi Graf's late decision to enter the United States hard-court championships and challenge Monica Seles head-on proved to be a wise one when the new world No. 1 was defeated 6-4, 6-3 by her predecessor on Sunday (Barry Wood writes).

It was not so much Graf's victory — her first since the Virginia Slims of New England tournament last November — which brought a smile to her face but the manner in which it was achieved.

On the basis of her performances last week, not only against the supposedly easy meat of the early rounds but also against Seles herself, there can be little doubt her troubled days are over.

"I know I've been on the right track over the past few weeks. It's just been one or two points really," Graf said. "I'm now playing a lot more forehands and I try to be aggressive and go for the lines all the time. I'm now playing a little bit more with my head.

"I wasn't worried about losing before. My problem was my confidence. I felt good on the practice court and good before the match but I then wouldn't play the way I did in practice.

"It was very disappointing and frustrating because I knew I *could do much better. That's the worst feeling you can have.*"

Her back-to-basics style, and the reward it has reaped, means she may eventually be in a position to regain her No. 1 ranking. But she will have to be patient.

"Steffi definitely has a long way to go before she can be No. 1 again because of the points she lost at the beginning of the year," Seles said. "Up to now, the closest contenders I have to watch for are Sabatini and Navratilova."

☐ Yugoslavia and Germany qualified for the Davis Cup world group semi-finals with respective wins over Czechoslovakia and Argentina.

Germany eased past Argentina, with Eric Jelen and Michael Stich beating Javier Frana and Christian Miniussi in five sets — securing a match-winning 3-0 lead — before Boris Becker and Stich made it 5-0. Yugoslavia defeated the Czechoslovaks 4-1 but were flattered by their margin of victory.

In the delayed first-round ties, France — captained by Yannick Noah for the first time — trounced Israel 5-0 and the United States brushed past Mexico 3-2. Brad Gilbert gave the defending champions a decisive 3-1 lead with a win over Luis Herrera.

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Spurs should grab swag-bag and run

DAVID MILLER

WHATEVER eventually becomes of Tottenham Hotspur's ownership — about which I care little other than that a club I have followed since I was a boy should be honourably run and continue to generate entertainment by fine players — I have been surprised by one aspect of the degrading power struggle through which the club is being dragged. Why do not Tottenham grab the Gazza swag-bag and run?

If a club such as Lazio, of Rome, or Marseilles, or any other foreigners with more money than judgment, is willing to pay £8 million for Paul Gascoigne, then Tottenham should snatch the cheque, hail a taxi, and get to the bank before the ink is even dry: just in case the purchasers should suddenly pause to calculate what precisely it is they are buying.

Tottenham should keep the meter ticking and, having paid for instant clearance of the cheque, drive immediately to Nottingham and offer Brian Clough whatever he wants for his son, Nigel, who has almost as much skill as Gascoigne, not that much worse lack of speed, and brains rather than tears and tantrums. An offer of a couple of million, maybe three at a pinch, should do the trick.

At a stroke, Tottenham could have almost halved their overdraft and be no weaker on the field. What they lost at the turnstiles by temporary public disaffection would be offset by the saving on Gascoigne's salary and an end to the distracting irritation of dealing with his agents. To my mind, Irving Scholar's obsession with Gascoigne is another demonstration of how little he really understands the game; for all his protestations of being the true supporter-turned-chairman.

Tottenham should, of course, retain an option on the repurchase of Gascoigne after the eight months or so it is likely to take him, and his new employers, to discover that he does not have the temperament to endure a league in which demands are rather more strict than they are in England; just as did Greaves, Law, Baker and Rush. After Gascoigne has been loaned to a minor Italian club, Tottenham might well find that in less than two years they could buy him back for a fraction of what they received for him.

Gascoigne, a phenomenon created by the World Cup and television, has a reputation in which publicity outstrips ability. He is the perfect "media player": never out of the newspapers, and through whom foreign millionaire football presidents are seeking vicarious prestige. He thereby becomes almost more important to the club off the field than on it. The same is to a degree true for the player himself, when he can have a £600,000 contract merely for wearing a certain boot.

Gascoigne would be a loss to Tottenham only in the sense that there is a shortage of skilful players; yet the loss would be more imagined than real. In the long run, reliable, consistent players such as Lineker and Mabbutt are worth far more, though nobody should under-rate the fantasy factor. Dreams are built around such as Gascoigne, however much they may fade and die.

Venables closer to achieving complete contro

By DENNIS SIGNY

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NAT Solomon, the chairman of Tottenham Hotspur plc, said before the game that the £20 million bid for the club by the consortium led by Terry Venables was likely to go through "sooner rather than later", and that would mean *Paul Gascoigne staying* at White Hart Lane.

Told of what Solomon had said, Venables commented: "That is the way I understand the position. It is very close. *When it* is over it will be a big relief to the club and the supporters."

On Saturday, it was the Tottenham crowd which demanded the board's departure. After yesterday's game it was the turn of angry Luton supporters to demonstrate, against Peter Nelkin, the chairman. Although the draw ended a sequence of four defeats, one point did little to ease Luton's fears of relegation.

As Nelkin, who is blamed for the sale of Iain Dowie to West Ham United for £480,000, left the directors' box, there were chants for him to go.

Jim Ryan, the Luton manager, said he understood the feelings of frustration. "They want first division football," he said. "I want it and so do the players. I have got to be happy *with the* type of performance at this time of the year."

Last season, Luton escaped relegation by goal difference after a victory at Derby County on the last day of the season. Ironically, the last game season is against Derby home.

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Ryan was critical of referee. "I didn't think he a particulary high standar said. Venables added th thought Johnson was unl be dismissed.

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Luton might conce have had an earlier p when Johnson beat Mabbutt, cut inside Va Hauwe and went down challenge from Erik Thor

The Tottenham goal was certainly more ga employed than his counterpart, for Tottenh not have a shot on targ obviously have their th concentrated on their F semi-final against Arsena

Venables said Gascoig still hoping to be fit f game and that David H who broke his jaw and knee operation in Febru playing again.

LUTON TOWN: A Chamberlain; son, R Harvey, J Rees (sub: R Br G Rodger, J Dreyer, L Elstrup Nogan), M Pembridge, S F Preece, K Black.
TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR: E Tho Thomas, P Van den Hauwe, Nayim, G Mabbutt, P St Samways, J Moncur, P Walsh, Referee: R Wiseman.

Quinn's treble poleaxes Palace

CHRIS COLE

Keep away: Gray, left, of Crystal Palace, wards off Brennan with an outstretched arm at Selhurst Park yesterday

By CLIVE WHITE

Crystal Palace.................. 1
Manchester City............ 3

NIALL Quinn, the hero of the hour for the Republic of Ireland against England at Wembley last week, popped up again three times in the space of 20 minutes at Selhurst Park yesterday to deal Crystal Palace's hopes of qualifying for European competition next season their second blow of the holiday period.

It was the first treble of the former Arsenal player's career and it will have given him particular satisfaction that two of the goals were scored with *his feet — as was the equaliser* at Wembley.

When it comes to aerial power, the 6ft 4in forward has a head start on most people, but his skill on the floor is much underrated and has shown further improvement since his move to Maine Road for £800,000 a year ago.

Quinn had impressed Steve Coppell at Wembley and the Palace manager was moved to say after the game yesterday: "He gave our two centre backs more problems than anybody else has this season."

It was not the first time that Eric Young, one half of the pair to who Coppell alluded, has suffered at the feet and head of Quinn. He was withdrawn by Terry Yorath, the Wales manager, in the international match against the Republic in February after Quinn had subjected him to a *torrid* opening 45 minutes.

Yorath blamed the icy surface that night for a performance from Young which he described as "Bambi on ice". But there could be no excuses on a firm surface yesterday as Quinn again gave his marker the slip, starting in the fifth minute when Quinn slammed a shot against an upright following the faintest of deflections from Martyn.

Humphrey seemed to be the culprit in the Palace defence in the 32nd minute when a cross from Harper was allowed to wriggle right across to the far post, where *Quinn scored* comfortably.

Palace, who had made most of the running until then, barely had time to reflect upon their misfortune when, a minute later, Quinn connected sweetly with a cross from White to send the ball whistling passed Martin once more.

"We looked tired when we had no reason to be, and we looked mentally jaded when we had no reason to be," Coppell said.

Mental freshness was what managers look for in players at this stage of the season, Coppell said, if one has hopes of sustaining a challenge over the final few games.

Palace's dream of playing in Europe next season is dependent upon Arsenal's success in the League and the FA Cup, and whether or not Liverpool's return to Europe will be sanctioned by the FA.

But with the champions in such disarray, Palace must still have been nursing hopes that they might relieve them of second position. *Having* lost at Sunderland on Saturday, this was another defeat — only their second at home — for which they had not bargained.

Despite the absent zest, Palace did not play that badly in attack — if you will excuse the monotonous regularity with which they were caught off-side. A lesser goalkeeper *than Coton might* have been unable to prevent them taking at least a point.

He made a particularly fine save from a Wright header before City had scored and twice blocked shots from Wright and Salako with his feet.

It would be impossible, you would have thought, for someone as tall as Quinn to go missing in anyone's penalty area but this he did in the 52nd minute when he again evaded Young's attention to head home a free kick from Ward with embarrassing ease. It was his seventeenth goal of the season and 22nd in all competitions.

The crowd of 18,001, almost to a man, seemed to appeal for handball in the penalty area by Harper but it was turned down by Keith Hackett, the referee — as were two equally justifiable appeals by City for indescretions off the ball by Thorn, neither of which were apparently seen by the linesman despite the incidents happening under his nose.

Palace pulled a goal back through Salako when he turned on a pass from Wright to score with a thumping shot in the 64th minute but it was to be their final effort to redress the balance.

CRYSTAL PALACE: N Martyn; J Humphrey, R Shaw, A Gray, E Young, A Thorn, J Salako, G Thomas, M Bright, I Wright, A Pardew (sub: E McGoldrick).
MANCHESTER CITY: A Coton; I Brightwell, N Pointon, P Reid, A Heath, S Redmond, D White, M Brennan, N Quinn, A Harper, M Ward.
Referee: K Hackett.

Gynn goal bring Coventry chee

MICKY Gynn's eighth goal of the season sent Chelsea to their fourth successive defeat and lifted Coventry City three points nearer to first division survival. A scrappy game in a blustery wind produced few chances and it needed Gynn's 20-yard shot in the sixtieth minute to separate two poor teams.

The nearest either side came to scoring at any other time was when Clarke, the Chelsea right back, cleared off the line from Gallacher after 51 minutes. Chelsea's best effort was Dixon's first-half header, which flicked off the top of the crossbar.

Mike Newell, also with his eighth goal of the season, secured Everton's 1-0 win against Norwich City. Warzycha, the Polish international who scored Everton's two goals at Aston Villa on Saturday, sent in a low, angled shot after 62 minutes. Gunn could only parry it at full stretch into the path of who stabbed it home fr range.

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Gunn produced th first-half saves from She Cottee, twice. Cottee la post following a head Newell.

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However, he was fort minutes from time. H flight of Fox's tricky, c yard shot and the bounded to safety off h

Questionable penalty foils game Derby

By NICHOLAS HARLING

Queen's Park Rangers.. 1
Derby County................. 1

A QUESTIONABLE penalty decision that may haunt Derby County until the season's end cost the first division's bottom club a priceless victory at Loftus Road yesterday. Derby were within 13 minutes of their first win this year when Andy Sinton tumbled over Mark Wright's challenge as he headed towards the byline at such speed that it is debatable whether he would have been able to cross the ball.

After prolonged protests from Wright, Wegerle shot the penalty low past Shilton's right hand. It was little surprise that Wright, who had seemed to play the ball before the man, was so incensed that he would have continued to berate the referee, Lawrence Dilkes, at the end had Derby's physiotherapist, Gordon Guthrie, not intervened.

It was also tough on Derby and the commendable Wright. For their resiliance under increasing pressure they just about deserved to hold out against a Rangers side that started as if it had nothing to beat. Their carefree attitude was evident from the opening ten seconds when Tillson underhit a back pass. Pickering's shot struck Stejskal's legs and Harford drove wide.

Tillson did his upmost to repeat the feat at the beginning of the second half, but by then Harford had put Derby ahead, from close range after 14 minutes.

Not until Wegerle began to reveal his skills late in the first half did Rangers threaten, and their apathy vanished completely soon after the resumption. Concerted periods of Rangers' pressure ended in Peacock firing in a fierce long drive and Allen connecting with a twisting header.

Typically, Shilton made two awkward saves look easy. With even Saunders withdrawing to contribute to the resistance, Rangers seemed incapable of finding a way through the populated midfield until the referee came to their aid.

QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS: J Stejskal; D Bardsley (sub: P Parker), R Brett, A Tillson, D Peacock, D Maddix, R Wilkins, S Barker, B Allen (sub: D Iorfa), R Wegerle, A Sinton.
DERBY COUNTY: P Shilton; M Sage, S Cross, G Williams, M Wright, M Forsyth, G Micklewhite, D Saunders, M Harford, I Wilson, N Pickering.
Referee: L Dilkes.

Gaynor ends impressive ru as Forest ride their luck

By IAN ROSS

Nottingham Forest 2
Sheffield United 0

AN IMPRESSIVE unbeaten sequence, which has almost certainly safeguarded Sheffield United's first-division status, came to an end at the City Ground yesterday.

The South Yorkshire club tasted defeat for the first time since January 19, after a nine-game run which had yielded 25 points and moved them from the bottom of the table to a position of some respectability.

Nottingham Forest were apparently conserving energy for the FA Cup semi-final against West Ham United on Sunday week, so they will be grateful for the good fortune they enjoyed and for a victory which they scarcely deserved, their first in the League since early January.

United's reputation for treating their opposition with complete disrespect had obviously *preceded them, for Forest* looked distinctly uncomfortable, even in possession. The regularity with which they returned the ball to their goalkeeper underlined the apprehension which has infiltrated their football since the turn of the year.

In sharp contrast to the season's opening four months, when defeat seemed to be the inevitable consequence of leaving the dressing room, United are enjoying their game and their football is positively flourishing.

While it is true that Forest made little or no attempt to establish control in midfield, United used the space which was handed to them intelligently and their numerous attacks always carried a threat. Yet Forest fashioned the better of the chances in a pedestrian opening half, and had Gaynor not hurried his shot in the tenth minute he would surely have scored.

Gaynor was more fortunate in the 39th minute, when Beesley's misdirected header left him in *such an isolated position that he* could conceivably have c his footwear before lo delicate shot into the top

If anything, Forest' deteriorated after the and United began to openings with alarming

Deane was unfortuna turn in a corner from which Crossley had ge dropped at his feet, and was guilty of an awful mi he drove high over the c from no more than eigh

United's rhythm w rupted by the loss of Hi sustained a serious leg after a collision with P the 63rd minute, and made sure of victory afterwards when Gaynor in after a marvelous Woan. Forest could eve the luxury of a missed Clough striking the cros

NOTTINGHAM FOREST: M Cr Charles, S Pearce, D Walker, S C Keane, A Loughlan, G Parker, N Gaynor, I Woan.
SHEFFIELD UNITED: S Tr Pemberton, D Barnes, V J Beesley, C Hill (sub: M Bradshaw, J Hoyland, G He Deane, I Bryson (sub: A Sayer). Referee: G Courtney.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AND TABLES

Barclays League

First division

COVENTRY (0) 1 CHELSEA (0) 0
Gynn 60 14,272
C PALACE (0) 1 MAN CITY (2) 3
Salako 63 Quinn 32 33 52
18,001
EVERTON (0) 1 NORWICH (0) 0
Newell 62 20,485
LUTON (0) 0 TOTTENHAM (0) 0
11,322
NOTTM FOR (1) 2 SHEFF UTD (0) 0
Gaynor 39 72 25,308
QPR (0) 1 DERBY (1) 1
Wegerle 78 (pen) Harford 14
12,036
STHAMPTON (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (0) 0
Le Tissier 4 20,255

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
*Arsenal	30	11	3	0	33	6	8	7	1	28	7	65
Liverpool	31	11	2	2	33	12	8	4	4	27	17	63
C Palace	32	9	4	2	22	17	8	3	6	21	21	58
Leeds Utd	29	9	2	3	28	13	5	5	5	14	18	49
†Man Utd	31	8	3	4	27	14	5	7	4	22	21	48
Man City	31	9	3	4	27	21	3	7	5	20	23	45
Wimbledon	30	8	6	3	28	18	3	6	4	18	19	45
Tottenham	30	7	7	2	29	18	3	5	6	12	20	42
Everton	31	8	4	4	22	11	3	4	8	17	25	41
Chelsea	32	9	5	3	26	20	2	2	11	18	32	40
Nottm For	31	6	6	4	23	17	3	5	7	21	25	38
Coventry	32	9	5	3	27	16	1	3	11	7	22	38
Norwich	30	7	2	6	21	25	4	3	8	12	28	38
Sheff Utd	32	8	2	6	19	18	3	3	10	19	29	38
Sthton	32	7	4	4	26	19	3	3	11	23	39	37
QPR	31	6	4	5	21	18	3	5	8	16	28	36
A Villa	29	6	7	1	22	14	2	4	9	14	21	35
Luton	33	6	5	5	19	15	3	1	13	17	39	33
Sunderland	31	6	4	6	15	15	1	4	10	18	32	29
Derby Co	30	2	8	6	17	30	2	1	11	18	26	21

* 2 points deducted
† 1 point deducted
Solid lines show promotion/relegation places; broken lines show play-off places.

Second division

BLACKBURN (0) 1 MIDDLSBRO (0) 0
Shepstone 75 8,925
BRISTOL C (1) 3 NOTTS CO (1) 2
Allison 44 Johnson 30
Donowa 76 O'Riordan 75
Shelton 84 13,466
HULL (0) 2 CHARLTON (0) 2
Hunter 85 Lee 87 Gorman 83
Payton 90 (pen) 5,689
NEWCASTLE (0) 0 BRISTOL R (0) 2
17,509 Sealey 61 White 79
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 OLDHAM (1) 2
Fiore 82 Ritchie 31
8,852 Adams 61
SHEFF WED (0) 0 OXFORD (0) 2
28,682 Durnin 52
Simpson 89
WATFORD (0) 1 LEICESTER (0) 0
Wilkinson 46 10,078
WBA (1) 2 SWINDON (1) 1
Parkin 42 Rideout 30
Roberts 74 (pen) 10,415
WEST HAM (0) 3 BARNSLEY (2) 2
McAvennie 56 Saville 13
Dowie 84 O'Connell 31
Foster 88 24,607

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Oldham	37	14	4	1	47	17	7	6	5	23	25	73
West Ham	37	13	5	1	36	15	7	8	3	15	11	73
Sheff Wed	36	7	9	1	38	19	10	5	4	34	21	65
Brighton	36	10	3	4	33	24	8	3	8	25	32	60
Millwall	37	8	6	4	34	21	8	5	6	30	18	59
Middlesbro	38	8	4	7	26	18	8	5	6	30	23	57
Bristol C	38	13	4	3	41	23	4	2	12	17	34	57
Notts Co	36	9	4	5	32	27	6	5	6	25	23	55
Barnsley	35	10	5	2	32	12	4	5	9	20	25	52
Wolves	37	10	4	5	39	30	2	12	4	15	18	52
Oxford	38	9	7	3	38	27	3	8	8	22	33	51
Bristol R	39	9	6	5	25	19	4	5	10	25	32	50
Charlton	39	7	4	8	23	22	5	9	6	26	27	49
Newcastle	36	6	8	4	15	14	6	4	8	22	27	48
Ipswich	35	7	8	4	23	20	4	6	6	23	31	47
Port Vale	37	9	3	7	29	28	3	6	9	18	32	45
Swindon	36	7	6	6	23	22	3	7	7	28	34	43
Blackburn	38	7	4	8	20	23	5	3	11	21	30	43
Plymouth	38	7	9	3	25	18	2	5	12	18	42	41
Portsmouth	38	7	6	6	32	25	3	4	12	18	35	40
Leicester	38	9	3	7	35	32	2	3	14	14	40	39
WBA	38	6	8	5	21	17	3	3	13	21	35	38
Hull	38	5	9	5	32	28	3	3	13	18	48	36
Watford	38	3	7	9	16	28	4	7	8	17	25	35

Third division

BURY (1) 2 HUDDRSFLD (0) 1
Hulme 40 Quinlin 71
Stanislaus 87 6,318
CREWE (1) 3 L ORIENT (1) 3
Edwards 39 83 Cooper 8 56
Lennon 72 Taylor 57
3,048
FULHAM (0) 1 MANSFIELD (0) 0
Stant 68 3,555
READING (0) 0 SWANSEA (0) 0
3,597
ROTHERHAM (0) 2 EXETER (0) 4
Hathaway 48 Jones 60
Pearson 90 Taylor 86
3,701 Neville 90
Hobson 90
STOKE (0) 0 PRESTON (0) 1
11,524 Shaw 85
WIGAN (0) 1 BRENTFORD (0) 0
Worthington 57 2,160

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Grimsby	37	14	2	3	39	11	7	6	5	19	16	71
Southend	36	12	3	2	31	16	10	1	8	28	25	70
Bolton	38	11	5	4	28	17	8	5	5	23	25	67
Tranmere	38	11	5	3	33	16	8	4	7	22	23	66
Bury	38	12	4	3	35	22	6	6	7	25	27	64
Huddersfld	40	12	3	5	33	20	5	8	7	19	24	62
Cambridge	33	8	4	4	25	19	8	5	4	27	19	57
Brentford	37	10	4	5	27	18	5	8	5	22	22	57
Bournemouth	37	11	5	2	31	17	4	7	8	19	29	57
Stoke	39	8	6	6	33	26	7	5	7	18	21	56
Wigan	38	12	2	5	34	18	4	5	10	21	30	55
Bradford	35	10	3	5	32	21	5	6	6	20	23	54
Birmingham	38	6	8	4	18	17	7	7	6	22	25	54
Exeter	40	11	6	3	31	13	4	2	14	21	32	53
Reading	35	9	4	5	28	22	6	3	8	18	23	52
L Orient	35	13	1	4	28	15	2	4	11	13	32	50
Preston	38	10	4	6	29	25	4	3	11	17	31	49
Swansea	36	7	5	6	28	21	4	2	12	13	32	40
Chester	36	7	2	9	19	22	4	4	10	16	24	39
Fulham	37	7	5	6	21	19	0	7	12	10	31	33
Mansfield	38	4	6	8	17	20	3	5	12	19	32	32
Shrewsbury	35	4	6	7	17	17	3	3	12	20	30	30
Crewe	35	4	8	6	27	28	3	1	13	22	40	30
Rotherham	37	4	8	7	23	38	2	2	14	12	42	28

Fourth division

ALDERSHOT (0) 0 YORK (0) 1
1,904 Ogley 70 og
CARDIFF (1) 1 NORTHMPTN (0) 0
Campbell 22 og 4,805
CHESTRFLD (1) 2 DARLINGTN (2) 2
Turnbull 23 (pen) 54 Francis 10 og
4,602 Cork 19
DONCASTER (0) 1 STOCKPORT (0) 0
Ashurst 48 3,372
GILLINGHAM (2) 2 LINCOLN (2) 2
Crown 25 Lormor 2
Walker 42 Puttnam 19
3,765
HARTLPOOL (0) 0 BURNLEY (0) 0
4,967
ROCHDALE (0) 1 HALIFAX (1) 1
Hilditch 64 Juryeff 8
2,740
SCUNTHRPE (2) 3 HEREFORD (0) 0
Flounders 27 40 3,001
Daws 73
WREXHAM (0) 1 WALSALL (1) 1
Jones 87 McParland 32
1,588

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Darlington	39	11	6	2	30	11	7	9	4	27	22	69
Peterboro	36	9	7	1	25	12	7	7	5	22	21	62
Northampton	37	13	4	2	30	12	4	7	7	17	25	62
Burnley	37	13	4	1	38	14	4	4	11	19	32	59
Stockport	37	11	6	1	39	15	4	7	8	20	23	58
Hartlepool	36	10	4	3	24	11	7	3	9	27	31	58
Doncaster	36	11	3	4	31	16	5	6	7	18	18	57
Blackpool	35	11	3	3	38	14	5	5	8	19	28	56
Scunthorpe	36	14	4	1	43	16	1	6	10	14	31	55
Scarboro	37	9	5	5	27	18	5	7	6	20	25	54
Cardiff	37	10	4	5	25	19	4	8	6	13	21	54
Lincoln	38	9	6	4	25	22	4	6	9	14	30	51
Gillingham	37	8	8	4	30	22	3	9	5	20	21	50
Torquay	33	9	6	2	21	8	3	9	4	16	24	51
Rochdale	37	8	6	3	25	17	4	8	8	19	25	50
Walsall	40	6	11	3	20	13	4	5	11	19	32	46
Hereford	37	8	9	2	27	12	3	3	12	18	31	45
Carlisle	38	10	3	7	23	25	1	5	12	14	48	41
Chesterfld	37	6	11	2	25	21	3	2	13	9	27	40
York	38	6	5	8	18	21	3	7	9	21	27	39
Maidstone	34	7	3	7	37	30	3	3	11	16	29	36
Halifax	38	6	6	7	25	24	2	4	13	22	44	34
Wrexham	37	6	5	7	23	26	2	2	15	14	34	31
Aldershot	35	5	7	6	32	37	2	3	12	18	42	31

GM Vauxhall Conference

BARNET (0) 0 TELFORD (0) 0
2,842
BATH (1) 1 BARROW (0) 1
Mings 41 *Gilmour 46*
1,070
GATESHEAD (1) 1 COLCHESTR (1) 2
Grannycombe 39 Laworthy 7
753 McDonough 77
KETTERING (0) 1 ALTRNCHM (0) 1
Cooke 76 McKenna 48
4,145
KIDDRMSTR (0) 1 WELLING (1) 2
Howell 50 Robbins 12
907 Benton 85 og
MACCLSFLD (1) 1 FISHER ATH (1) 1
Burr 37 Pearson 45
814
NORTHWICH (0) 0 MERTHYR (2) 3
640 Williams 10
Lewis 16
Rogers 74 (pen)
SLOUGH (0) 0 CHELTENHM (0) 3
985 Burton 73
Vircavs 78
Payne 81
STAFFORD R (0) 1 RUNCORN (1) 1
1,071 Saunders 37
YEOVIL (0) 2 SUTTON UTD (1) 1
Carroll 79 82 Massey 18
2,352

	HOME						AWAY					
	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Altrincham	33	10	4	2	41	17	11	5	1	34	17	72
Barnet	35	11	4	3	42	17	10	4	3	41	23	71
Colchester	34	12	3	1	38	10	9	4	5	25	18	70
Kettering	34	10	4	2	27	18	10	5	3	27	20	69
Wycombe	36	12	3	2	37	13	5	7	7	27	28	61
Telford	34	9	3	5	24	18	7	4	6	22	23	55
Macclesfld	34	9	4	4	32	18	4	7	6	19	24	50
Runcorn	35	11	4	3	28	23	2	5	10	18	19	48
Merthyr	33	8	4	6	32	28	5	3	7	21	31	46
Welling	32	7	5	4	31	25	4	5	7	13	18	43
Slough	36	9	3	7	27	23	3	2	12	16	41	41
Boston	34	7	4	5	36	28	3	6	9	14	31	40
Sutton U	35	6	5	7	27	26	4	3	10	29	36	38
Stafford	36	6	6	6	25	22	3	5	10	13	22	38
Barrow	32	6	7	2	25	18	3	4	10	20	35	38
Kidderminstr	34	5	4	8	28	29	5	4	8	19	30	38
Cheltenham	34	6	5	5	30	22	3	6	9	28	30	38
Northwich	32	6	5	4	23	22	3	5	9	27	48	37
Yeovil	34	6	5	6	25	24	3	4	10	14	26	36
Gateshead	33	7	3	8	28	37	3	3	9	18	36	36
Bath	34	6	4	7	31	24	1	5	11	14	38	30
Fisher Ath	33	3	5	6	17	21	2	5	11	15	43	29

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 2, Grays 1; Dagenham 2, Wivenhoe 2; Windsor and Eton 1, Bishop's Stortford 0. First division: Chalfont St Peter 2, Croydon 1; Dorking 2, Tooting and Mitcham 4; Lewes 2, Harlow 2. Second division south: Eastbourne 0, Hampton 2.

HFS LOANS LEAGUE: Horwich 4, Bangor City 1; Fleetwood 1, Morecambe 1; Leek 0, Witton 0; Hyde 1 Stalybridge 1; Droylsden 1, Mossley 2; Southport 0, Marine 0; Bishop Auckland 1, Frickley 0. First division: Caernarfon 2, Rhyl 0; Congleton 1, Newtown 2; Eastwood Town 5, Farsley Celtic 0; Emley 1, Harrogate 0; Netherfield 1, Curzon Ashton 1; Rossendale 2, Accrington Stanley 2; Warrington 6, Irlam 1; Whitley Bay 1, Bridlington Town 0; Winsford 2, Radcliffe Borough 0; Worksop 2, Alfreton 0.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Bashley 1, Farnborough 1; Chelmsford 0, Cambridge City 0; Crawley 0, Dover 1; Rushden 0, Wealdstone 1; Waterlooville 2, Weymouth 1; Worcester 2, Bromsgrove 1. Midland division: Bilston 2, Redditch 2; Hednesford 0, Willenhall 1; King's Lynn 0, Grantham 1; Leicester Utd 1, RC Warwick 1; Newport AFC 4, Bridgnorth 1; Nuneaton Borough 1, Hinckley 4; Spalding 0, Corby 1; Stourbridge 1, Sutton Coldfield 1; Stroud 2, Barry 2. Southern division: Burnham 0, Baldock 1; Bury 0, Buckingham 3; Canterbury 2, Erith and Belvedere 0; Corinthian 1, Hythe 3; Dunstable 0, Sudbury 0; Gosport 0, Fareham 2; Hastings 0, Margate 1; Salisbury 2, Newport IOW 1; Witney 1, Trowbridge 1; Yate 4, Andover 2.

IRISH LEAGUE: Cawoods County Antrim Shield: Quarter-final: Newry 3, Glentoran 1.

BORD GAIS LEAGUE OF IRELAND: Premier division: Athlone Town 1, Sligo Rovers 2; Cork City 1, Galway Utd 0; Dundalk 0, St Patrick's Athletic 0; Limerick 2, Bohemians 3; Shamrock Rovers 2, Derry City 5; Shelbourne 3, Waterford Utd 0.

WEEKLY WYNNER LEAGUE: Premier division: North Shields 4, Belper 0. League Cup: Guiseley 1, Sutton Town 0.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Newcastle Blue Star 0, Gretna 2; Whickham 3, Alnwick 1.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Les Phillips Cup: Semi-final: Elmore 1, Mangotsfield Utd 0. Premier division: Exmouth 0, Welton 1; Taunton 2, Chard 0; Tiverton 2, Bristol Manor Farm 0; Weston super Mare 1, Clevedon 1.

LONDON OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Old Meadonians 1, Enfield Old Grammarian 1.

BASS NORTH WEST COUNTIES: First division: Bacup Borough 1, Colwyn Bay 2; Eastwood Hanley 1, St Helens 1; Skelmersdale 3, Clitheroe 2.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Brantham Athletic 1, Harwich and Parkeston 2; Great Yarmouth 3, Gorleston 2; Haverhill 0, Cornard 0; Newmarket 0, Felixstowe 1; Tiptree 0, March 0.

ABACUS WELSH LEAGUE: National division: Abergavenny 4, Port Talbot 1; Aberystwyth 3, Briton Ferry 3; Ammanford 0, Llanelli 3; Haverfordwest 0, Pembroke 0.

LEADING GOALSCORERS: (League goals in brackets): First division: 22: I Rush (Liverpool, 12). 21: D Platt (Aston Villa, 16); L Chapman (Leeds, 11). 20: M Le Tissier (Southampton, 16). 19: A Smith (Arsenal, 15); I Wright (Crystal Palace, 11). 18: D Saunders (Derby, 14); B McClair (Manchester United, 11); M Hughes (Manchester United, 10); P Gascoigne, Tottenham, 7); A Cottee (Everton, 4). 16: J Fashanu (Wimbledon, 16). 15: M Bright (Crystal Palace, 9); S Bruce (Manchester Utd, 10); B Deane (Sheffield Utd, 11); G Lineker (Tottenham, 13). Second division: 29: T Sheringham (Millwall, 24). 27: S Bull (Wolverhampton, 26). 25: S Butler (Watford, 20); D Hirst (Sheffield Wednesday, 17). 22: A Payton (Hull, 22); D Beckford (Port Vale, 20). 20: B Slaven (Middlesbrough, 16). 19: S Rimmer (Barnsley, 14); B Small (Brighton, 14); D Shearer (Swindon, 16). 18: M Quinn (Newcastle, 16); G Whittingham (Portsmouth, 10). 16: N Morgan (Bristol City, 12); K Bartlett (Notts County, 13); C Clarke (Portsmouth, 12). 16: T Morley (West Ham, 11). Third division: 25: B Angell (Southend, 14). 22: A Philliskirk (Bolton, 15). 21: I Muir (Tranmere, 13). 19: D Dublin (Cambridge, 12); J Gilligan (Swansea, 15); D Page (Wigan, 14). 18: L Blissett (Bournemouth, 16); J Taylor (Cambridge, 12). 18: A Sussex (Crewe, 11); S Castle (Leyton Orient, 10). 15: G Blissett (Brentford, 10); I 16: Benjamin (Southend, 12). Fourth division: 31: Norris (Halifax, 28). 29: J Allon (Hartlepool, 22). 22: G Puckett (Aldershot, 17). 21: A Flounders (Scunthorpe, 17). 19: T Tynan (Torquay, 13). 17: S Lovell (Gillingham, 15). 16: G Oghani (Scarborough, 14). 15: R Barnes (Northampton, 12).

☐ Woking, this season's FA Cup giant-killers, beat Kingstonian 3-0 in the Surrey Senior Cup final at Sutton yesterday.

No man was more delighted than Andy Parr, who walked out of jail a week ago after serving six months *for fraud. He went straight back into* the team and scored in the final.

Parr played just one reserve and one first-team game before the cup final. He got his chance when the forward, Tim Buzaglo, who scored three times in Woking's 4-2 win over West Bromwich Albion in the third round of the FA Cup, was ruled out with a knee injury. His goal was sandwiched by two from Lance Pedlar.

Fulham ease their worrie

By KEITH BLACKMORE

Fulham.................................. 1
Mansfield Town............. 0

THERE was a chill wind blowing across Craven Cottage yesterday, literally and metaphorically. Fulham have never been relegated from the third division but it was a close thing last year and, despite this important victory, it remains a distinct possibility this season.

Still, followers of the team traditionally have a sense of humour. One long sufferer suggested in the programme that the club should appoint a psychiatrist, "if not for the team, for the supporters."

Mansfield could ill afford to laugh after this defeat which leaves them firmly in the relegation frame. Nor will their cause be helped by the suspension that Gray must serve after being sent off for a professional foul.

The game quickly settled into a pattern, if it can be called that, of the ball zipping from goalkeeper to goalkeeper with the other 20 players making only occasional interventions, none of them worthwhile. Thus passed the first half.

The second half was an improvement, at least for Fulham. The referee took his time about starting it, no doubt fearing more of what had gone before, but when he did, Fulham showed some purpose at last.

First, Marshall crosse the left and Stant head wide. Then, on the hou gan's excellent pass from was allowed to run acr penalty area and Eckhar shot brought a diving sa Beasley.

A series of corners f but Mansfield seemed weathered the storm w the 67th minute, the swung Fulham's way. T eree had already spo Morgan, of Fulham, and Fairclough, of Mansfie bad tackles, when Gray down Marshall withou mony and was abruptly s

From the free kick found Brazil and his lo was forced home by Sta five yards, despite anoth iant effort by Beasley.

Mansfield laboured u under this double disad but their cause was lo Fulham could have e their lead through any half-a-dozen counter launched by Scott and wa Brazil.

FULHAM: J Stannard; S Mo Newson, J Eckhardt, S North, G J Marshall, P Scott, P Stant (sub: G Brazil, M Pike.
MANSFIELD TOWN: A Beasley; bers, C White, S Spooner, G Fe M Smith (sub: S Charles), G Christie, S Wilkinson, W Fairclou Referee: R Gifford.

Stanislaus lifts Bury

BURY moved into fifth place in the third division by beating their play-off rivals, Huddersfield Town, 2-1. The winning goal came from Stanislaus three minutes from time.

Crewe Alexandra, second from bottom, drew 3-3 with Leyton Orient, and Rotherham United, the bottom club, were beaten 4-2 at home by Exeter City.

Darlington, the fourth division leaders, were held to a 2-2 draw at Chesterfield, but drew further away from Peterborough United, who did not play, and third-placed Northampton Town, beaten 1-0 at Cardiff City. Wrexham had their central defender, Beaumont, sent off in the home game with Walsall, but they went up one place to leave Aldershot, who lost 1-0 at home to York City, bottom of the table.

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CRICKET

Benign spin attack allows Taylor to create another first

From John Woodcock in Kingstown, St Vincent

RK Taylor became the Australian to score a first- century in St Vincent erday, on the ground, d Arnos Vale, which is ed by Caribbean waves. hour after lunch he had e 111 out of an Australian e of 238 for two.

gorgeous weather and on autifully prepared pitch — better one than England when they were beaten by Windward Islands here in first match of the 1985-6 — the Australians enjoyed sman's benefit of the kind h used to be common- in the West Indies.

the three fast bowlers ing for the young West ans, Anthony was on norgan's staff last year, ph on Hampshire's and e has been doing very for Barbados. The fastest em is Skeete, though not it comes to getting ugh an over.

the time he has bowled a le of no-balls, glared at batsman, glowered at the ire, cursed his luck, led back to his mark and has been called, a whole eload of passengers at the airport next to the nd could have landed, disembarked and cleared customs.

West Indian fast bowlers fall broadly into three types: there are the cranes, like Ambrose, or Walsh and Garner, who use their height to unsettle batsmen, the battering rams, like Patterson and Charlie Griffith, who use their strength to do so, and those, like Marshall and Holding, who present a supple, whispering, rhythmical menace.

Those on show here do not quite fit into any of these categories. Joseph and Anthony have yet to fill out and look nothing very special, and Skeete is bow-legged. It must be good news for batsmen that, anyway for the moment, there is no one to be seen of the 6ft 8in of the first genre.

Plenty of bowling was done yesterday by the two spinners, Nehemiah Odolphus Perry, from Jamaica, with off breaks, and Rajindra Dhanraj, an Indian leg-spinner from Trinidad. It was nice to see that there still are some spinners in the Caribbean, though not since Lance Gibbs retired in 1976 has one been given houseroom at Test level.

As near as makes no matter, West Indies bowled 13,000 Test overs in the 1980s, of which perhaps 400 were bowled by specialist spinners. The fast men were responsible, between them, for something over 11,000, Richards, Gomes and Hooper, all makeshift spinners, for the rest.

Now, for the first half of the day, the slim figure of Dhanraj was more or less a permanent fixture at one end, bowling his leg breaks and the occasional googly with admirable accuracy. He beat the bat more often than anyone, and to watch Jones going sometimes three or four yards down the pitch to him was like a strip from the old days. But the only wicket to fall before lunch was from a run out when Taylor sent back Boon too late to beat Eugene's return from mid-wicket.

WEST INDIES UNDER-23: First innings 307 (S C Williams 97, J Eugene 55, P A Wallace 52).

AUSTRALIANS: First innings

M A Taylor not out	110
†M R J Veletta c Wallace b Joseph	4
D C Boon run out	53
D M Jones not out	59
Extras	12
Total (2 wkts)	238

*A R Border, S R Waugh, P L Taylor, I A Healy, M G Hughes, T M Alderman, B A Reid to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-28, 2-128.

BOWLING: Skeete 6-0-27-0; Joseph 9-1-28-1; Perry 11-4-18-0; Anthony 5-0-18-0; Dhanraj 2-0-2-0.

Umpires: G T Browne and A E Weekes.

YACHTING

ll wind holds good news for British

TRINITÉ — Force six winds he Solent brought the Royal n Racing Club's Easter tta to an exhilarating cli- , but at the rival event here h formed an Admiral's Cup for the British team, a rasting light and fickle ze forced the organisers to don racing for the day y Pickthall writes).

e ill wind brought good for the British contingent, ver. The truncated results he RAF's new two-tonner, s of Oracle, with a clear over her Admiral's Cup on. Chris Hotson's new is-designed 54ft Dump won the CHS division David Bedford's J35 Jail- was the winner the smaller group.

TS: IOR Class: 1, Wings of Oracle GB), 21.75pts; 2, Corum 45 (A ieu, Fr) 17; 3, Corum 40 (X on, Fr), 18. Other British placings: rdana (A Hurst); 5, Freelance our (J Taylor); 6, Relax (R Woods). 1: 1, Dump Truck (C Hotson, GB), J-Hawk (S Johnstone, GB), 74; 3, and Blue Sogas (J Furic, Fr), 73.25. British placings: 8, Warlord (P). CHS Div 2: 1, Jailbird (D , GB), 83.25; 2, Red Star (F , Fr) 80; 3, Citroen (J Borel, Fr). : 1, Espresso (J Kahler, Ger) 83; 2, Not Just Now (M Sparks, GB) 81; 3, J Supply (P Kock, Ger) 73; 4, Jawk (C Jongerius, Neth) 72; 5, Janker (D Schotel, Neth), 71. Other British placings: 7, Smokey Joe (J Clark); 9, Gossip (E McLeans); 11, Kanamba Connection (C Kearns). RORC Easter Challenge, Cowes: Race 4 IOR Class: 1, Zurich (M Partridge); 2, Speed of Intel (C and G Brown). IMS Class: 1, Sunstone (T and V Jackson); 2, Apriori (J Dare); 3, (Mistral of St Helier (J Stelling). CHS Class: 1, Racy lady of Cambridge (M Pascall); 2, Insight (J and B Watkinson); 3, Gea Buscuit. Overall: IOR: 1, Speed of Intel. IMS: 1, Sunstone; 2, Apriori; 3, Red Arrow (RAF). CHS: 1, Flying Dragon (A Cheyne); 2, Racy Lady of Cambridge; 3, Camelot of Wessex (J Neville).

☐ Alain Gautier, the overall leader in the BOC single-handed round the world race, retook the lead from his French compatriot, Cristophe Auguin, on the final stage of this 27,000-mile race.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 9:37 GMT yesterday with miles to Newport, Rhode Island): Class 1: 1, General Concorde (A Gautier, Fr) 5,186miles; 2, Groupe Sceta (C Auguin, Fr) 5,200 (estimate); 3, Credit Agricole (P Jeantot, Fr), 5,210; 4, Alba Regia (N Fa, Hun), 5,219; 5, Innkeeper (D Adams, Aus), 5,225; 6, Jarkan (K Birtles, Aus), 5,246; 7, Ecureuil PC (I Autissier, Fr), 5,247. Class 2: 1, Servant (Y Dupasquier, Fr) 5,248; 2, Buttercup (D McIntyre, Aus), 5,276; 3, New Spirit of Ipswich (J Hall, GB), 5,277; 4, Project City Kids (J Boye, US), 5,287. Corinthian class: 1, Global Exposure (R Davis, GB), 5,314; 2, Volcano (P Thackaberry, US), 5,318; 3, Shuwendonji (M Saito, Japan), 5,334.

SWIMMING

ibben misses chance f some prize-money

Fibbens, who equalled ommonwealth record at metres freestyle at the nd, said last night that d's squad administrators cost him the chance to that record and win (Craig Lord writes).

king on the eve of the Edinburgh International g, the Barnet Copthall r, admitted to being "bit- disappointed" by the ments made by the sers of England's trip to round of the World Cup ada next week.

Fibbens had aimed to be at Edinburgh hoping to win the £1,000 for a Commonwealth record but now has to leave for Canada on Thursday for a four-day training camp.

"I can't see we need that time out there. It means I'll miss the hundred in Edinburgh, a race I'd planned to shave down for. On the money swimmers get, £1,000 means a lot to me," he said.

Adrian Moorhouse, the Olympic champion, and Ron Dekker, are among a strong entry for the three-day meeting.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Skerrett facing new ban

By a Correspondent

KELVIN Skerrett, Wigan's Great Britain forward, was sent off for the second time in 15 days yesterday as Wigan kept alive their hopes of a league a cup double.

Wigan, who play five matches in nine days as they strive to retain the Stones Bitter Championship, trailed 4-2 at half-time to their relegation-threatened rivals, Oldham, but pulled through by a 10-4 margin.

Skerrett, playing only his second match after serving a two-game suspension, was dismissed for a tackle on the Oldham hooker, Andy Ruane, and has another appointment before the disciplinary committee on Thursday.

Denis Betts scored a crucial try for Wigan and Frano Botica kicked three goals to maintain the pressure on Widnes. Their meeting next Tuesday now looks likely to decide the championship.

Oldham, who led through a Richard Irving try, now need to win both their remaining matches, against Warrington and Hull, to avoid slipping into the second division.

Castleford saw their championship hopes disappear when a late fight-back enabled Hull to clinch a 16-14 victory. Hull, indebted to their Australian contingent, scored two tries in the last 15 minutes through Greg Mackay and Brad Webb.

Wakefield edged nearer survival with a 14-14 home draw against Leeds while Salford, needing a point at Swinton to secure the second division championship, had nothing to spare in a 10-10 draw.

Salford led 10-6 until substitute Emon Ratu ran 50 yards in the last minute for the equalising try. But the Swinton full back, Chris Wilkinson, missed the conversion attempt from the touchline.

The Salford prop, Chris Whiteley, was sent off in the eleventh minute for a high tackle on John Allen.

Hurdle cleared: Wensink, of Kampong Utrecht, steps over her Russian opponent

Sutton Coldfield book their place in women's final

From a Special Correspondent in Amiens

SUTTON Coldfield booked their place in the final of the women's European Cup Winners' Cup at Wassenaar, The Netherlands, on May 5 after winning the qualifying tournament here yesterday. Sutton Coldfield showed considerable style as they beat Randalstown from Ireland 3-0 with a flawless first-half display.

The Irish team had by far the better of the exchanges after the interval when Jackie Burns, arguably the best woman hockey player in Britain at the moment, began to make her presence felt, but unfortunately they could not break down the resolute Sutton defence, for whom Jacqui Shaw, the goalkeeper, Sian Roberts and Barbara Hambly were outstanding.

Ruth Pilkington set Sutton on their way to a celebration by breaking the deadlock in the ninth minute when she got a touch to an astute cross from Hambly.

This strike appeared to take the sting out of Randalstown's advances and they went further into arrears in the sixth minute when Jane Swinnerton got on the end of a cross from Jackie Hill.

Just before the interval Randalstown conceded their second corner of the match and Swinnerton made the conversion to give them their match-winning lead.

Edinburgh Ladies also finished the tournament on a high note, beating Racing Club of Brussels 4-0 with Joan Dobie, Jackie Innes, Elaine Cooper and Mhairi Ferrol sharing their goals to finish in fifth place.

Edinburgh's success was achieved without Janet Nimmo, their international midfield player, who has been in hospital after suffering an injury to the little finger on her left hand.

SUTTON COLDFIELD: J Shaw, S Roberts, J Betcher, B Hambly, J Toon, J Swinnerton, R Pilkington, J Nightingale, C Brewer, L Lee, J Hill.

RANDALSTOWN: H McCulloch, J Woods, J Armstrong, G Stevenson, A McLean, L Watkins (replaced: E Malone 56mins), L Burns, J Burns, C Burns, R Campbell, D Johnston.

Umpires: C Heinrichs (Germany) and D Ashe (Belgium).

☐ MUNICH — England's women's team at last have something to cheer about after beating Spain 3-0 in the four nations tournament in Munich yesterday (Alix Ramsay writes).

After a disappointing performance against Netherlands and Germany, England managed to make their chances count against the fifth best team in the world.

José Brasa, the Spanish coach, has had his sights on the Olympics in Barcelona for the last couple of seasons, building up his squad from the under-21s to produce a team which will prove worthy hosts in 1992.

But yesterday his side found themselves two goals down by half-time when Kathy Johnson converted a penalty corner after 21 minutes and the captain, Sandie Lister, set up Jane Sixsmith to get the second nine minutes later.

Spain increased the pressure in the second half, but Mary Nevill, on for Tammy Miller, put the game beyond their reach by getting the rebound from England's sixth penalty corner.

SHOOTING

Tucker takes the grand aggregate

ANDREW Tucker, the former Queen's Prize and Bisley overall champion, won the grand aggregate at the Bisley Easter meeting yesterday after increasing his lead during the three days to a final margin of six points over the runner-up, Danny Coleman, of North London RC (Our Rifle Shooting Correspondent writes).

The standard of shooting was so high that only one or two points separated the top half-dozen competitors at times and, even with the wind at 1,000 yards yesterday and strong enough to divert a bullet up to 20 feet off course, the top three all had 70 or 71 out of 75.

Bisley, confined to rifle and pistol shooting for a century, opens a new facility from today after the creation of a sporting shotgun range in a wooded and heathland section to be called Cottesloe Heath.

The new range can simulate, with clay pigeons, every type of game shooting, including rabbit, duck, teal, partridge and pheasant, as well as a simulated covey of 120 "grouse".

MOTOR RACING

Hoy celebrates his birthday with an early present

By Stephen Slater

WILL Hoy, driving a BMW M3, awarded himself an early birthday present when he took a debut victory for the Securicor-VLM team in the first round of the Esso British Touring Car Championship at Silverstone yesterday.

Hoy, who celebrates his 34th birthday tomorrow, out-accelerated the pole position Mobil BMW of Steve Soper to lead from the start to finish of the race. Behind him, Soper initially headed the Vauxhall Cavaliers of Jeff Allam and John Cleland until the BMW was forced to make a pit stop.

Allam headed his team-mate to the chequered flag ahead of a late race battle between the Ford Sierra of Andy Middlehurst and a hard-charging Andy Rouse in his new Toyota Carina.

Rouse initially started well but spun off the track on the opening lap, dropping to last place, before charging back through the field to finish just nine-hundredths of a second behind Middlehurst.

The 1990 champion, Robb Gravett, was forced to settle for last place after suffering engine misfires on his newly built Shell team Tarkstar Ford Sierra. His mechanics had worked non-stop 54 hours before the race to ready the car but were unable to sort out the last-minute problems.

The second round of the British Formula Three championship at Thruxton in Hampshire was won by Rubens Barrichello, of Brazil, yesterday. His West Surrey Racing prepared Ralt-Mugen car finished just seven-tenths of a second ahead of the similar car of Jordi Gene, of Spain, and the TOMS-Toyota of Ricard Rydell, of Sweden.

Steve Robertson, the leading British driver, took fifth place in his Ralt VW. The other leading British challenger, David Coulthard, slid into a tyre wall on the fifteenth lap.

RESULTS: British touring car championship (at Silverstone): 1, W Hoy, BMW M3, 27min 25.54sec (80.24mph); 2, J Allam, Vauxhall Cavalier, 27 34.41; 3, J Cleland, Vauxhall Cavalier, 27 38.21; 4, A Middlehurst, Ford Sierra, 27 42.88; 5, A Rouse, Toyota Carina, 27 42.97; 6, R Belim, BMW M3, 27 43.87. British Formula Three (Thruxton): 1, R Barrichello (Bri), Ralt-Mugen, 23.54 64 (110.24mph); 2, J Gene (Sp), Ralt-Mugen, 23 55.35; 3, R Rydell (Swe), TOMS-Toyota, 24 04 00; 4, H Noda (Japan), Ralt-Mugen, 24 07 22; 5, S Robertson (GB), Ralt-VW, 24 10.35; 6, M Albers (Neth), Ralt-Mugen, 24 18 74.

McRae following in father's wheel tracks

COLIN McRae, aged 22, of Scotland, scored an easy win in the BIF Circuit of Ireland Rally yesterday (a Special Correspondent writes). McRae, whose father won the event seven times, was never seriously challenged throughout the three-day event.

His Subaru Legacy ran virtually without fault on the 29 stages on closed public roads whereas his main rivals, Bertie Fisher and Austin McHale, had problems. McRae's job was made easier on the final day when McHale did not restart after crashing on the final stage on Sunday.

McRae has opened up a 22-point lead in the Shell RAC Open Rally Championship.

☐ NAIROBI: Juha Kankkunen, of Finland, the former world champion, driving a Lancia Integrale, won the six-day, 2,500-mile Safari Rally on Monday. His second victory in the Kenyan event was assured after he took the lead early on Sunday.

Mikael Ericsson, of Sweden, driving a Toyota Celica, was second, 26 minutes behind, and Jorge Recalde, of Argentina, in a Lancia, was third. Kankkunen, winner of the Safari Rally in 1985 and runner-up last year, had an accumulated penalty time of 2hr 7min 10sec while Ericsson had a time of 2.33:34 and Recalde 2.46:13.

ICE HOCKEY

Win that is best forgotten

By Norman de MESQUITA

Great Britain	7
South Korea	1

COPENHAGEN — Great Britain gained their third win in pool C of the world championships after a game that will not live long in the memory. With opposition that you know in advance is poor, even an emphatic win fails to satisfy completely.

Also, as we near the end of a tournament in which the officiating has been, to say the least, inept, Iuliu Becze, of Romania, gave the worst refereeing display we have seen.

It was hardly surprising that Sung Hyun-Mo earned a match penalty six minutes from the end for racing after John Lawless and giving the impression that he wanted to start the third world war. This came after yet another inexplicable decision by the referee. The officiating lives longer in the memory than most of Great Britain's goals.

They came from seven players — Scott Neil and Gary Stefan in the first period, Ian Cooper, Tony Hand and Stephen Johnson in the second, and Jamie Crapper and Kevin McNaught in the third. The best was Hand's. He raced to beat the Korean goaltender to the puck and scored from an acute angles.

The British team has a faint chance of gaining fourth place and promotion to next year's pool B. The captain, Chris Kelland is doubtful for today's final game against Romania after damaging his shoulder.

IN BRIEF

Top spot for Harris

DEL Harris, the former national squash rackets champion from Essex, has regained his position at the head of rankings on the April list. Peter Marshall, aged 19, the double-handed player from Leicestershire, drops down to No. 2.

The women's rankings show a similar change, with Lisa Opie and Martine Le Moignan exchanging places. Opie returns to the top of the pile, leaving Le Moignan in second place, with Fiona Geaves displacingd her Gloucestershire colleague, Lucy Souter, from fourth place.

TENNIS: Essex boys, the champions for the last ten years, suffered a surprsie 5-4 defeat by Hampshire on the opening day of the Midland Bank Junior County Cup at Bournemouth yesterday. Trailing 3-1, Hampshire's revival was led by their leading two players, Nick Weal and James Bailey, who both recovered from a set down to win their singles matches. They then paired up in the decisive doubles encounter to beat Simon Bonham and Gavin Bradford 6-2, 6-1.

CURLING: Scotland collected their first men's world title in 14 years when Perth beat Edmonton Avonair, of Canada, in the final of the world curling championships in Winnipeg, Manitoba. David Smith and his Perth team beat the Edmonton side, led by Kevin Martin, by a 7-2 margin for the first victory by a Scottish team since 1967. It was also a bad day for the Canadian women, as Dordi Nordby, of Norway, defended her women's singles title, beating Julie Sutton, of Victoria, 4-2.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

AL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ATION: Semi-finals: Duke Blue Dev- niversity of Nevada-Las Vegas 77; 79, North Carolina 73.

BOWLS

ROUGH: Mackeson All-England indoor championships: Final: (P Garside and A Hemmings) bt Miller (J Tugwell and S Remington).

OOL: Galaxy women's international Final: N Shaw (Thornaby) bt M (Ballymoney), 21-15.

CANOEING

-WESTMINSTER RACE: Senior (K2): 1, A Freeman and C Middleton amington Spa), 18hr 20min; 2, J k and A Beggen (Royal Engineers). R Purdie and A Pitchett (Poole 19:54. Senior women's doubles: 1, and L Thygesen (Den), 20:24. Senior ubles: 1, Purdie and Pitchett, 19:54. en's singles: 1, D Coulson (Reading Park), 15hr 54min; 2, G Dresser C), 18:08; 3, A Stevens (Royal CC). Senior women's singles: M n (Kirkcaldy), 19:37. Senior singles yal. Junior doubles: 1, M Starkey ckets (Reading Leighton Park). R Goddard and S Allard (Bryanston) 18:05; 3, A Craze and S Gourley Leighton Park, 18:20. Junior dou : Bryanston School.

CRICKET

ATCH: Harare (50 overs): Zimbabwe L Houghton 81, A Flower 62; rshire 220-9 (D B D'Oliveira 47). rshire won by 1 wkt.

SPEEDWAY

VALLEY TROPHY: Oxford 48, 42.

TROPHY: Second leg: Glasgow 49, h 41 (agg: 81-81); Rye House 47, sex 42 (agg: 91-87).

NGE MATCH: Newcastle 41, Peter- 48.

EAGUE CHALLENGE MATCH: Mi- ls 38, Oxford 52, Exeter 40, Poole

lelan Gold Cup: Cradley Heath 48, 42; Kings Lynn 48, Swindon 44.

FENCING

BIRMINGHAM INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT: Epee: Men: 1, R Gore (London Thames); 2, G Simont (Mexico); 3, M Cordsh (London Thames). Women: 1, A Duenas (Mexico); 2, L Roldan (Mexico); 3, B Conder (Chelsea and Westminster).

FOOTBALL

MIAMI: Copa Libertadores: America of Cali 1, Nacional of Medellin 0.

JERSEY: ENGLISH SCHOOLS FESTIVAL: Maidstone 1, Gravesham 1; Newbury 0, Jersey A 1; Belfast 0, Thurrock 0; Chiltern 4, Bishop Auckland 0; Gloucester 6, West Cornwall 0; Reading 2, Jersey B 1.

GOLF

SOUTHERNDOWN, Bridgend: Duncan Putter: Leading final scores: 267: R Willison (Ealing), 69, 68, 71, 59. 274: C O'Carroll (Brynhill), 73, 71, 73, 57. 275: B Dredge (Bryn Meadows), 73, 72, 72, 58; M Macara (Maesdu, Llandudno), 69, 73, 72, 61. 277: A Rogers (Ealing), 72, 72, 71, 62; S Edwards (Wrexham), 73, 73, 71, 60. 278: J Lee (Cardiff), 73, 77, 71, 57. 279: M Calvert (Copt Heath), 73, 73, 71, 62. 281: A Barnett (Royal St David's), 69, 70, 76, 66. 282: S Wilkinson (St Mellyd), 76, 73, 70, 63; M Wills (Whitchurch), 78, 71, 70, 63. Abandoned due to fog: first 15 holes counted in final round.

HIGASHIMATSUYAMA, Japan: Women's tournament: Final leading scores: 217: I Ohta, 73, 71, 73; R Inaboh, 70, 73, 74 (Ohta won in play-off). 218: C Yamazaki, 77, 72, 69; F Nagata, 73, 74, 71. 219: A Nakano, 75, 72, 72; M Okada, 74, 72, 73; J Sevil, 70, 76, 73; C Li-ying, 72, 73, 74; T Ai-yu, 69, 73, 77.

HOCKEY

EASTER FESTIVAL: Thames International: Abstainers 2, Red Lions 2; Chepstow 0, Limerick 1; Bald Eagles 0, HT De Sempiers 0; Bicester 2, Hazlehead 0; Ernot 3, Staines 0; TTK 1, Victory 1; Limerick 4, Heriots 0; Padova 2, Pink Gins 2; Wombles 6, Ashford 1; Pink Panthers 3, Bald Eagles 2; Vampires 1, Pink Gins 3; Centurions 0, Limerick 1; Red Lions 4, Chepstow 2; Nutcrackers 0, Ernot 0; Gangsters 3, Abstainers 0; Ashford 2, Staines 2; Limerick 2, HT De Sempiers 2; TTK 1, Bicester 0; Hazlehead 4, Victory 0.

FOLKESTONE: Sunday: Folkestone Possimists 4, Windy Millers 3; Old Churcherians 1, Old Dragons 4; Lady Ghosts 2, The Flops 2; Dionysiacs 5, Leicester University 3; Bento Bombers 0, Peverli Ladies 4; East Brook Culverts 3, EU Thanasians 1; Durham University 5, Darlington 1; Imperial College 0, The Demi-Gods 2; Cliftonville 4, Nottingham University 2; Berkhamsted 2, The OAPs 3; Cliftonville Ladies 0, Cytringanians 1; Chalfont St Peter 0, Folkestone Optimists 2; Nicosia Tramps 0, The Muppets 4; Ghosts 2, Ladykillers 4; Durham University 1, Old Churcherians 3; Nicosia Tramps 2, Old Folkestonians 1; Darlington 0, East Brook Culverts 0; Birmingham University Mentheids 1, The Demi-Gods 1; Cliftonville Veterans 4, Folkestone Optimists Veterans 1; Festival XI 7, Limburger (Germany) 1.

PENZANCE: Final round: Landsenders 0, Kelvin 1; Allsorts 6, Been There 0; Ginger Jeans 0, Ton Turtles 1; Chippenham 0, Exmouth 0; Fillies 0, Chudleigh 0; Maldon 0, Morgarrows 2; Taunton Vale 0, Didsbury Greys 0; Vets 3, Mis-Y-Blobs 1; Allies 1, Tarts 0; Old Phalopians 0, Lytchett Loons 2; Pickwick 0, Leicester 0; Betty Booze 0, Crumpets 1; Hillbillies 0, Miss Demeanours 1; Leyland 2, West Brom 0; Warminster 0, Marion Moles 2; Exeter 0, Mogs 2. Final positions: 1, Crumpets (Cheam); 2, Vets (South West); 3, Betty Booze (Met Police).

WEYMOUTH: Men: Blue Badgers 2, Sils 1; Adelaide 4, Sudlers 1; Ghosts 1, Greenshanks 1; Redskins 1, Strollers 2; Sorcerers 0, PFJ 3; Bedknobs A 0, Adders Eush 1; Chw Knaves 0, Darmstadt 3; Adders 2, Bedknobs 0; Muffins 0, Chestnuts 0; Herons 0, Hangovers 1; Bulls 0, Barnestormers 2; Sils A 1, Redskins A 1; Wers DI 2, Neros XI 1; Pilgrims 0, Geeks 6; Lions 2, Stammerers 0; Crostys 3, Orcas 1; West Wyv 2, Exonians 1; Adelaide 1, Blue Badgers 1; Ghosts A 0, Strollers A 4; PFJ 1, Strollers 3; Hosts 2, Dowdies 0; Orcs 0, Greenshanks 3. Women: Dolly Mixtures 1, Flamingoes 2; Wolves 0, Foresters 0; Redskins 1, French Maids 2; Team Tarts 1, Brat Pack 0; Seasiders 0, Boobs and Bells 1; Blue Belles 3, Chunderbirds 0; Wot Dats 0, Squiffies 0; Sturminster Newton 0, Barclays Bank 2; Scarlet Strollers 1, Weymouth 6; Fosters Bogs 1, Dead Cats 3; Kays 1, Swifts 1; Crocodiles 2, Handy Bags 2; French Maids 2, Team Tarts 4; Dolly Mixtures 1, Foresters 1; Red Devils 0, Beaminster 3; Whynots 0, Redskins 0.

LACROSSE

TIMPERLEY: England Under-19 9, English Universities Association 12.

MOTORCYCLING

DONINGTON PARK: World superbike championships: Diamond Jubilee race: 1, R McElnea (Yamaha), 24min 54.14sec (90.29mph); 2, R Haslam (Norton), 24:59.65; 3, N Mackenzie (Honda), 25:00.18; 4, J Whitham (Suzuki), 25:04.21; 5, R Stringer (Yamaha), 25:05.84; 6, T Nation (Norton), 25:08.23. Sidecar European championship: 1, J Laulehto (Fin), Krauser, 35min 24.48sec; 2, M Reddington (GB), Krauser, 35:35.84; 3, G Hardwick (GB), Windle, 35:46.73; 4, E Wright (GB), LCR, 35:52.87; 5, K Hock (Ger), Busch, 36:53.50; 6, R Fisher (GB), LCR, 36:23.66. World superbike championship: First race (25 laps, 62.5 miles): 1, D Polen (US) Ducati, 41min 25.92sec (90.30 mph); 2, T Rymer (GB), Yamaha, 41:29.24; 3, F Pirovano (It), Yamaha, 41:45.00; 4, R Phillis (Aus), Kawasaki, 41:49.17; 5, R McElnea (GB), Yamaha, 41:50.51; 6, B Morrison (GB), Yamaha, 41:55.20. Second race: 1, S Mertens (Bel), Ducati, 41:20.85 (90.69mph); 2, R Roche (Fr), Ducati, 41:24.32; 3, Phillis, 41:24.63; 4, Rymer, Yamaha, 41:24.98; 5, McElnea, 41:34.46; 6, B Morrison (GB), Yamaha, 41:38.46. Championship positions: 1, Rymer, 30pts; 2, Phillis, 28; 3, Pirovano, 23; 4, McElnea, 22; equal 5, Morrison, Polen, Mertens, 20. Supersport 600 European championship (24 laps, 60 miles): 1, J Moodie (GB) Bimota, 42min 49.38sec (84.06 mph); 2, M Farmer (NI), Yamaha, 42:49.39; 3, L D'Antin (Sp), Honda, 42:49.88; 4, I Simpson (GB), Yamaha, 42:51.89; 5, C Weinhappl (Austria), Honda, 42:52.39; 6, J Volta (Sp), Yamaha, 42:52.95. 250cc European championship: (20 laps, 50 miles): 1, E Suter (Switz), Aprilia, 35:217.27 (86.01 mph); 2, S Hislop (GB), Honda, 35:17.84; 3, J Yates (GB), Yamaha, 35:18.66; 4, M Biaggi (It), Aprilia, 35:28.67; 5, M Baker (GB), Yamaha 35:35.79; 6, Y Briguet (Switz), Yamaha, 35:36.58.

RUGBY UNION

JOHANNESBURG: Inter-club championship: Old Greys (Bloemfontein) 36, Despatch (Port Elizabeth) 6.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Easter rifle meeting: Sunday: 300 yards: 1, A Clarke (North London), 75.13; equal 2, M Pattinson (OCRA) and D Coleman (North London), 75.12. 900 yards: 1, A Tucker (Twickenham), 74; 2, Mrs M Pugsley (Tavistock), 73; equal 3 (after count-back): H Hunter (West Scotland) and J Pugsley (Tavistock), 73. Queens 2: 1, R Vary (Bradfield College), 105.17; 2, Miss J Messer (North London), 105.14; 3, Tucker, 104.17. Queens 3: 1, R Hind (Old Nottinghamians), 149.19; 2, H Sanders (Old Wellingburians), 149.18; 3, Coleman, 148.22. Short-range aggregate: 1, Coleman, 325.50; 2, Pattinson, 325.48; 3, Tucker, 324.42. Yesterday: 900 yards: 1, I Brechin (East Scot), 74pts; 2, A Tucker (Twickenham), 74; 3, H MacKintosh (Ulster RA), 73. 1,000 yards: 1, N Tremlett (North London), 71; 2, D Landau (Gresham's School, Norfolk), 70; 3, C Brook (Stock Exchange), 70. Long range aggregate: 1, Tucker, 217; 2, Tremlett, 213; 3, D Coleman (North London), 210. Grand aggregate: 1, Tucker, 541; 2, Coleman, 535; 3, J Pugsley (Tavistock), 531.

SURFING

BELL'S BEACH, Victoria, Australia: ASP Carl Classic: Men: Semi-finals: B Lynch (Aus) bt R Bain (Aus); D Hardman (Aus) bt M Hoy (Aus). Final: Lynch bt Hardman. ASP ratings: 1, Lynch; 2, Bain; 3, Hardman. Women: Semi-finals: P Menczer (Aus) bt N Falconer (Aus); M Donoghue (Aus) bt J Cooper (Aus). Final: Menczer bt Donoghue. ASP ratings: 1, Cooper; equal 2, Menczer, P Burridge (Aus).

TABLE TENNIS

BRENTWOOD: Barclays Essex Five Star Open championships: Men: Final: A Cooke (Derby) bt C Prean (IoW), 19-21, 21-19, 21-13. Doubles: Final: Cooke and D Douglas (Warwick) bt M O'Driscoll (Yorks) and S Dorking (Essex), 21-16, 21-13. Women: Final: A Holt (Lancs) bt L Lomas (Beds), 24-22, 18-21, 21-15. Doubles: Final: Lomas and F Elliot (Staffs) bt J Smith (Scot) and J Harris (Staffs), 21-15, 21-17. Mixed doubles: Final: Dorking and Holt bt J Holland (Lancs) and N Deaton (Derbys), 21-7, 26-24.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group: First round: United States bt Mexico, 3-2 (J Courier lost to L E Herrera, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5, 6-4; B Gilbert bt L Lavalle, 6-3, 6-2, 6-7, 6-3; J Pugh and R Leach bt J Lozano and Lavalle, 6-4, 4-6, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; Gilbert bt Herrera, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3; Courier lost to Lavalle, 6-4, 6-7, 7-5). Quarter-finals: Germany bt Argentina, 5-0 (M Stich bt M Jaite, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4; B Becker bt J Frana, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; Stich and E Jelen bt Frana and C Miniussi, 7-5, 6-7, 7-6, 6-7, 6-4; Becker bt Jaite, 6-1, 7-6; Stich bt Frana, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1.) Yugoslavia bt Czechoslovakia, 4-1 (G Ivanisevic bt P Korda, 6-1, 7-6, 4-6, 6-1; S Zivojinovic lost to K Novacek, 6-1, 4-6, 6-4, 7-5; Ivanisevic and Zivojinovic bt Korda and M Srejber, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4; Ivanisevic bt Novacek, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, 3-6, 6-4; Zivojinovic bt Korda, 7-6, 2-6, 6-3).

American Zone: Second round: Group one: Cuba bt Paraguay, 5-0. Brazil bt Uruguay, 4-1. Group two: Chile bt Dominican Republic, 5-0; Venezuela bt Ecuador, 3-2; Bahamas 3, Barbados 2.

SAN ANTONIO, Texas: United States women's hard-court championship: Final: S Graf (Ger) bt M Seles (Yug), 6-4, 6-3.

TARPON SPRINGS, Florida: Women's doubles tournament: Final: G Fernandez (US) and H Sukova (Cz) bt N Zvereva and L Savchenko (USSR), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6.

HONG KONG: First round: A Mronz (Ger) bt M Walker (HK), 6-3, 6-3; A Antonitsch (Austria) bt G Raoux (Fr), 6-4, 4-6, 7-5; T Ho (US) bt T Woodbridge (Aus), 6-4, 6-2; W Masur (Aus) bt J Hlasek (Switz), 6-4, 7-6; G Muller (SA) bt J Yzaga (Peru), 6-3, 6-4.

MOTOR RALLYING

NAIROBI: Safari rally: Final leading standings: 1, J Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia Integrale, 2hr 7min 10sec time penalties; 2, M Ericsson (Swe), Toyota Celica, 2:33:34; 3, J Recalde (Arg), Lancia Integrale, 2:46:13; 4, B Waldegaard (Swe), Toyota Celica, 3:58:08; 5, S Blomqvist (Swe), Nissan Sunny, 5:17:24; 6, I Duncan (Ken), Subaru Legacy, 5:47:32; 7, M Kirkland (Ken), Nissan Sunny, 6:09:35; 8, Kenjiro Shinozuka (Japan), Mitsubishi Galant, 7:42:35; 9, G Jack (Ken), Daihatsu Charade, 9:57:34; 10, S Anthony (Ken), Daihatsu Charade, 10:22.20. Leading world championship standings: 1, C Sainz (Sp), 40pts; 2, Kankkunen, 38; 3, M Biasion (It), 27; equal 4, K Eriksson (Swe) and M Alen (Fin), 20; 6, D Auriol (Fr), 17.

CIRCUIT OF IRELAND RALLY (second round of Shell open championship): Final positions: 1, C McRae (Subaru), 3hr 28min 58sec; 2, B Fisher (Sierra Cosworth), 3:34:14; 3, J Cullen (Sierra Cosworth), 3:35:18; 4, B Connolly (BMW M3), 3:43:00; 5, K McKinstry (Sierra Cosworth), 3:43:20. Championship: 1, McRae 40pts; 2, D Maslen, 18; 3, M Sohlberg, 16pts. Leading positions (after 28 stages): 1, C McRae, Subaru, 2hr 19min 47sec; 2, A McHale, BMW, 2:21:50; 3, B Fisher, Ford Cosworth, 2:22:53; 4, J Cullen, Ford Cosworth, 2:23:45; 5, B Connolly, BMW, 2:26:12.

TOUR OF CRYCHAN (Mid-Wales): 1, C Webb, Ford Escort, 34min 47sec; 2, A Bolt, Ford Escort, 34:56; 3, M Rich, Toyota Corolla, 35:02.

SORT OUT STAGES (Surrey): 1, R Hale, Metro 6R4, 42min 20sec; 2, P Taylor, Sierra Cosworth, 43:26; 3, R Menzies, Sierra Cosworth, 43:27.

GP MOTORSPORT STAGES (Gloucestershire): 1, T Watson, Ford Escort, 52min 56sec; 2, T Davies, Rover Vitesse, 53:11; 3, S Barnsley, Ford Escort, 53:21.

CYCLING

LETCHWORTH VELO: Two-day race: First stage (5.2-mile time-trial): 1, M Illingworth (Olympia Sport), 11min 58sec; 2, J Harrison (Invicta RC), 12:02; 3, P Foley (Heron RC), 12:21. Second stage (77 miles): 1, C Rosnier (BCF W London Division), 3hr 02min 29sec; 2, S Farrell (BCF N Staffs Division), same time; 3, I Fagan (Royal Sutton CC), 3:2:44. Overall: 1, Illingworth, 3:14:44; 2, Harrison, 3:14:47; 3, Farrell, 3:14:48.

ROCKINGHAM FOREST WHEELERS, Northants: Two-day race (127 miles): 1, C Alcock (Alpha RT), 5hr 18min 05sec. Teams: 1, SE Midlands Centre of Excellence.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Castleford 14, Hull 16; Oldham 4, Wigan 10; St Helens 12, Widnes 20; Wakefield 14, Leeds 14.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Widnes	23	18	0	5	567	281	36
Hull	24	17	0	7	483	320	34
Wigan	21	16	1	4	536	253	33
Castleford	24	16	0	8	546	408	32
Leeds	24	13	2	9	542	408	28
St Helens	23	12	1	10	530	481	25
Bradford	23	12	0	11	370	424	24
Featherstone	24	11	1	12	479	522	23
Hull KR	26	9	3	14	452	615	21
Warrington	24	9	2	13	366	360	20
Wakefield	24	9	2	13	323	381	20
Oldham	24	9	0	15	448	526	18
Sheffield	24	7	2	15	436	537	16
Rochdale	24	1	0	23	291	843	2

SECOND DIVISION: Batley 8, Huddersfield 18; Bramley 8, Fulham 8; Carlisle 5, Workington 12; Dewsbury 0, Halifax 26; Hunslet 6, Ryedale York 20; Leigh 42, Runcorn 8; Nottingham City 12, Barrow 30; Swinton 10, Salford 10; Trafford Borough 21, Chorley 19.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Salford	26	24	1	1	785	207	49
Ryedale-York	27	20	2	5	553	282	42
Swinton	25	20	2	3	457	266	42
Halifax	24	20	0	4	753	247	40
Leigh	25	16	1	8	612	325	33
Workington	25	16	1	8	453	296	33
Fulham	25	15	2	8	392	296	32
Doncaster	25	15	0	10	477	362	30
Carlisle	24	13	2	9	531	388	28
Whitehaven	25	13	0	12	378	492	26
Huddersfield	25	12	1	12	442	409	25
Hunslet	26	11	2	13	490	414	24
Keighley	25	11	0	14	426	520	22
Trafford	25	10	0	15	470	494	20
Batley	27	10	0	17	327	452	20
Dewsbury	24	8	0	16	281	406	16
Barrow	26	7	1	18	370	670	15
Bramley	25	6	1	18	356	678	13
Chorley	25	5	1	19	326	658	11
Runcorn	26	2	1	23	285	755	5
Nottingham	24	2	0	22	281	773	4

SNOOKER

PRESTON: Embassy world championship: Qualifying competition: G Wilkinson (Eng) bt C Cookson (Eng), 10-2; E Charlton (Aus) bt R Edmonds (Eng), 10-2; M Bennett (Wales) bt W Jones (Wales), 10-8; A Jones (Eng) bt S Francisco (SA), 10-6; I Graham (Eng) bt D O'Kane (NZ), 10-7; N Gilbert (Eng) bt R Chaperon (Can), 10-8; N Dyson (Eng) bt C Thorburn (Can), 10-5.

CARLISLE: Matchroom League: S Davis (Eng) drew with W Thorne (Eng), 4-4.

ICE HOCKEY

WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: B group (in Yugoslavia): France 9, Netherlands 1; Italy 2, Poland 1; Norway 5, Japan 1; Austria 6, Yugoslavia 1. Leading positions (after 3 matches): 1, Italy, 6pts; 2, Norway, 6; 3, France, 6; 4, Austria, 3; 5, Poland, 2; 6, Japan, 1; 7, Yugoslavia, 0; 8, Netherlands 0. C group (in Denmark): Hungary 6, North Korea 2; Denmark 8, Romania 2; Bulgaria 4, South Korea 2. Leading positions (after 6 matches): 1, Denmark, 12pts; 2, Romania, 10; 3, China, 10; 4, Hungary 7; 5, Bulgaria 6; 6, Britain 6; 7, North Korea, 2; 8, South Korea, 2; 9, Belgium, 0.

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Calgary Flames 5, Los Angeles Kings 3; Buffalo Sabres 5, Washington Capitals 2; Boston Bruins 7, Hartford Whalers 3; St Louis Blues 2, Minnesota North Stars 1; New York Rangers 6, Pittsburgh Penguins 3; New York Islanders 3, New Jersey Devils 2; Edmonton Oilers 6, Winnipeg Jets 3; Chicago Black Hawks 5, Detroit Red Wings 1; Quebec Nordiques 4, Montreal Canadiens 1.

FINAL POSITIONS

	W	L	T	PTS
Wales Conference				
Patrick Division				
Pittsburgh Penguins	41	32	6	88
New York Rangers	36	31	13	85
Washington Capitals	37	36	7	81
New Jersey Devils	32	33	15	79
Philadelphia Flyers	33	37	10	76
New York Islanders	25	45	10	60
Adams Division				
Boston Bruins	44	24	12	100
Montreal Canadiens	39	30	11	89
Buffalo Sabres	31	30	19	81
Hartford Whalers	31	38	11	73
Quebec Nordiques	16	50	14	46
Campbell Conference				
Norris Division				
Chicago Black Hawks	49	23	8	106
St Louis Blues	47	22	11	105
Detroit Red Wings	34	38	8	76
Minnesota North Stars	27	39	14	68
Toronto Maple Leafs	23	46	11	57
Smythe Division				
Los Angeles Kings	46	24	10	102
Calgary Flames	46	26	8	100
Edmonton Oilers	37	37	6	80
Vancouver Canucks	28	43	9	65
Winnipeg Jets	26	43	11	63

Williams defends

Prince Charles Williams, of the United States, will defend his International Boxing Federation light-heavyweight title against James Kinchen, on April 20.

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Ardiles forced to lower his sights

By a SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

Newcastle United............ 0
Bristol Rovers.................. 2

OSVALDO Ardiles demonstrated a healthy realism yesterday after his first match in charge at Newcastle United.

Ardiles had suggested after taking his £120,000-a-year job that he could still lead his new club into the second division promotion play-offs. But 90 minutes against unfashionable Bristol Rovers was sufficient to convince him of what most Newcastle supporters have already accepted.

The team Ardiles has inherited from Jim Smith is simply not good enough to reach the first division and they underlined that with yesterday's disappointing performance.

Ardiles said: "There were three or four good points, but overall I now know we need to work very, very hard.

"The play-offs are not a viable proposition because of our League position and what I learned today."

Ardiles was impressed by Newcastle's goalkeeper, Burridge, who saved a first-half penalty, the midfield player, Peacock, and Watson, who celebrated his seventeenth birthday yesterday.

But, as a team, Newcastle did not display the type of skills and control which will be needed to adapt to the football thinking of this former Swindon Town manager.

As the Newcastle captain, Aitken, said after yesterday's game: "The next few weeks will certainly be interesting."

Ardiles agreed: "I need to sit down and talk to the players to tell them exactly what I want. We will try to win every game between now and the end of the season, but it will also be a learning process.

"Today, I was asking them to do something they don't normally do. I wanted them to play through the midfield."

Ardiles' plans came to nothing, partly because the Newcastle players are now lacking confidence and composure following a series of poor home performances in front of a demanding and disillusioned crowd.

But Rovers, disciplined and organised under Gerry Francis, another of football's emerging young managers, also contributed to Newcastle's problems.

Francis, who has already achieved two victories against Swindon while Ardiles was in charge this season, insisted that the victory would have been even more comfortable if Burridge had not saved a poor penalty attempt by Jones in the 31st minute.

Certainly, Newcastle had rarely threatened to break through in the first half, apart from a shot which was sent narrowly off target by Quinn after he intercepted a thoughtless back-pass from the halfway line by Reece.

The second half produced a rethink by Ardiles as Newcastle emerged with a system resembling the famous diamond formation he used at Swindon to such good effect. It did not make Newcastle sparkle.

Instead, they gave Sealy space on the edge of the area and he used it superbly to fire a low shot past Burridge after 61 minutes.

Then White climbed above Scott to head a hanging cross from Reece wide of the goalkeeper.

Ardiles said: "It was a pity we couldn't reward the crowd with a win after they gave me such a good reception."

Aitken said: "The new manager obviously had a lot of different ideas. He made it clear he wants us to play football and entertain the crowd."

NEWCASTLE UNITED: J Burridge; S Watson, M Stimson, R Aitken, K Scott, J Anderson, K Dillon (sub: B Kristensen), G Peacock, M Quinn, A Hunt (sub: M McGhee), K Brock.
BRISTOL ROVERS: B Parkin; I Alexander, G Twentyman, W Clark, A Sealy, V Jones, I Holloway, A Reece, D White, C Saunders, D Bailey (sub: A Pouncer, sub: A Boothroyd).
Referee: S Lodge.

☐ Jim Smith yesterday emerged as the favourite to succeed Osvaldo Ardiles as manager of Swindon Town — a day after Ardiles had taken over at Newcastle following Smith's departure last week.

Smith, aged 50, is committed to coaching at Middlesbrough until the end of the season, but he has a house 30 miles from Swindon and said a move to Swindon would be "ideal".

Warm welcome: Ardiles acknowledges the crowd's recept

Liverpool's title hopes crumble

By STUART JONES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

Southampton 1
Liverpool 0

LIVERPOOL'S challenge for the title, which has been fading over the last four months, may have been extinguished at The Dell yesterday afternoon. Inspite of a relentless search for an equaliser which lasted for 86 minutes, they suffered their second successive defeat over the Easter weekend.

With only seven fixtures left on their programme, they remain two points behind Arsenal and the gap in goal difference has been extended to nine. During a week of much-needed rest, they will reflect on the misfortune which kept them from regaining the lead of the first division and probably their ambitions of retaining the championship.

Their decline can be traced back to Boxing Day. In winning their last game before Christmas, coincidentally against Southampton, they had dropped only seven points in their opening 17 games. They have since dropped 23 in 14 and even their apparent resurgence under Ronnie Moran has been an illusion.

Successive victories over Manchester City, Sunderland and Derby County were achieved respectively with the help of controversial penalties, an own goal and opponents who were utterly defenceless. Their aura of invincibility has gone, their renowned passing game is disintegrating and they are no longer accompanied by luck.

Pierced three times by Rangers on Saturday, they were undone by a wicked deflection in the fourth minute. During an afternoon overflowing with openings, they might before then have been unhinged by the pace of Wallace, who scored both of Southampton's goals at Anfield last year.

Liverpool's defence, whose unease was evident even during the 7-1 win at Derby, failed to contain the second of Wallace's thrusts and Le Tissier was left free to shoot. His drive careered off the legs of Gillespie and Hooper was unable to readjust to the unforeseen change in flight.

In spite of the return of Gittens, Southampton's rearguard, statistically the worst in the first division apart from Derby, was even more uncertain. Their right flank, which was supposed to have been guarded by Horne, resembled an open door and Liverpool used it to enter at will before the interval.

Gittens, sold to Swindon Town for £40,000 four years ago and bought back for ten times that in midweek, was continually forced to leave his central role to cover a gap exposed with startling regularity. Barnes, absent with influenza on Saturday, revelled in the freedom.

He created a stream of opportunities for Beardsley, Rush and Houghton but Flowers, with a series of saves, protected Southampton's narrow advantage. He was also assisted by the inaccuracy of the opposition. Rush, for example, steered wide a cross rolled deliberately to his feet by Barnes midway through the first half.

Southampton's goalkeeper was helped, too, by his colleagues. In the psychologically significant moment seconds before half-time, Beardsley bemused Ruddock near the byline before sweeping the ball towards Rush, a few yards out. Adams was on the line to act as the last line of defence.

The current flowing towards Flowers ebbed away but not before he sprawled himself at the feet of Houghton and, after Case had misdirected the clearance, flung himself to tip away Nicol's long-range attempt. Liverpool were eventually carried away by their own increasing and uncharacteristic desperation.

In doing so, they left themselves vulnerable to the counter-attack and Southampton might in the end have increased the margin of victory. They opened the second half with Wallace making another incisive run down the left and had Ablett not thrown himself in the way of Le Tissier's volley, Liverpool's difficulties would have been more profound.

They seemed to be anyway when Gillespie fell on top of Le Tissier in the area but no penalty was awarded. Equally curiously, Gittens was allowed to escape with no more than a booking after he had brought down Staunton in full flight within 60 seconds.

Southampton closed the extravagantly open contest by creating as many chances as had Liverpool earlier. Hooper had to block a header from Shearer, Beardsley cleared off the line from the same player and Shearer was again involved in the rousing finale which featured two stretching saves from Liverpool's ultimately beleaguered goalkeeper.

MATCH FACTS

At The Dell. **Att: 20,255.** **Ref: A Gunn.**

	SOUTHAMPTON 1	LIVERPOOL 0
HT: 1-0.		
Scorers:	Le Tissier 4	-
Cautions:	Gittens 64	-
Subs:	-	Speedie 81 (Staunton) Burrows 86 (Gillespie)

	SOUTHAMPTON		LIVERPOOL	
Shots (on target/total)	7	13	7	13
Corners (left/right)	2	2	4	5
Crosses (left/right)	14	14	25	13
Free kicks/pens conceded	10	-	9	-
Offsides		5		15
Possession (gained/lost)	33	88	35	92

SOUTHAMPTON (4-3-3)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
Flowers	-	-	-	-	-
Horne	-	-	2	1	2
Adams	-	2	-	-	-
Cockerill	1	-	-	1	1
Ruddock	1	1	-	2	-
Gittens	1	-	-	3	-
Case	-	1	2	1	-
Le Tissier	4	-	7	-	1
Shearer	4	1	2	2	2
McLoughlin	-	3	-	-	1
Wallace	2	6	1	-	2

Unused: Osman, Banger.

LIVERPOOL (4-4-2)

Player	Goal attempt	Crosses L	Crosses R	Fouls By	Fouls On
Hooper	-	-	-	-	-
Hysen	1	-	3	-	2
Staunton	-	7	2	-	2
Nicol	1	-	3	1	-
Molby	1	3	-	1	1
Ablett	-	3	-	-	-
Beardsley	3	9	3	2	-
Houghton	1	-	-	1	1
Rush	3	-	-	-	1
Barnes	3	3	-	2	1
Gillespie	-	-	1	2	1
Speedie	-	-	1	-	1
Burrows	-	-	-	-	-

- *Compiled by Julian Desborough.*

IAN STEWART

Rising to the challenge: Redmond, of Manchester City, climbs above Pardew in his side's 3-1 defeat of Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park yesterday. Report, page 33

Barnsley flai nearly stifles the high-flyer

By LOUISE TAYLOR

West Ham United 3
Barnsley 2

FOR a team which Mel Machin, its manager, has described as three seasons away from the first division, Barnsley proved remarkably precocious at Upton Park yesterday.

Despite losing, after being 2-0 up at half-time, the South Yorkshire side has games in hand and could yet participate in the promotion play-offs. West Ham United stay joint top with Oldham Athletic, and are almost assured of automatic promotion, but they will not banish the memories of this season's brushes with Barnsley in a hurry.

Back in December, their 20-match unbeaten run ended in a 1-0 defeat at Oakwell and, throughout yesterday's first half, West Ham were again outplayed at their own game by a Barnsley side more pleasing on the eye than many in the division.

Building progressively out of defence, in which Carl Tyler and Gary Fleming shone, Barnsley spread some crisp passes across the full width of the pitch, pulling West Ham's rear guard all over the place.

Steve Agnew overshadowed Ian Bishop in midfield and the former prompted a stream of Barnsley corners. Their second goal, after 31 minutes, originated from such a set piece. Agnew's inswinger was flicked on by Tyler for the impressive O'Connell to head home.

If that goal bore the hallmarks of hours well spent at the training ground, the first, in the thirteenth minute, was a gift from West Ham's goalkeeper, Miklosko, who erred in startling fashion when

Saville's speculative 2
shot inexplicably dropp
of his hands and into th

The Czechoslovak
gated the damage w
splendid save from
deacon shortly befor
interval, and ten minut
the second half. West
reduced the deficit.
Keen, a replacemen
Hughton, waltzed past
deacon, the home sid
made little progress do
right, but they used the

Top of second divi

	P	W	D	L	F
Oldham	37	21	10	6	70
West Ham	37	20	13	4	51
Sheff Wed	36	17	14	5	64
Brighton	38	18	6	12	58
Millwall	37	16	11	10	54
Middlesbro	38	16	9	13	56
Bristol City	38	17	6	15	58
Notts County .	36	15	10	11	57

through to maximum
McAvennie lashing th
stitute's flick into the n

Now it was Barnsley
to absorb pressure an
had Baker to thank for
one-handed save from
not to mention Fle
clearance off the line.

Such was the feroc
West Ham's attacking
equaliser was inevitable
arrived six minutes fro
when Dowie rose maje
to head past Baker
Allen's centre.

Barnsley's undoing
from another aerial ass
the 88th minute when
ball lofted into his a
Keen exposed Baker's
height and bulk, wit
Barnsley goalkeeper bea
Forster's header.

WEST HAM UNITED: L Miklosko
G Parris, A Gale, C Forster, C
(sub: K Keen), I Bishop, F McA
Dowie, M Allen, S Slater.
BARNSLEY: C Baker; J Dc
Fleming, M Robinson, M Smith, C
O'Connell, A Rammell, A S
Agnew, O Archdeacon.
Referee: P Vanes.

Oldham setting pac

OLDHAM Athletic, the leaders of the second division, consolidated their position with a 2-1 win at Plymouth Argyle, with Ritchie scoring one goal, his fifteenth of the season, and making the other.

Ritchie struck with a brilliant half-volley from a tight angle before turning provider in the second half with a precise, low cross which Adams drove home. Fiore pulled a goal back for Plymouth.

Sheffield Wednesday, in third place, went down to their second defeat in three days,

beaten 2-0 at home by
United.Sheridan miss
penalty for Wednesday
Durnin put Oxford in
lead. Simpson got O
second a minute from t

Bobby Gould had hi
success in eight games a
Bromwich Albion m
with a 2-1 win over Sw
Town, bolstering the
against a drop to the
division for the first tim

Hull City drew 2-2 at
to Charlton Athletic, al
goals coming in the la
minutes.

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Lacklustre Widnes advance in championship stakes

By KEITH MACKLIN

St Helens 12
Widnes............................ 20

GIVEN the option, Widnes would much have preferred to have gone to Wembley for the Rugby League Challenge Cup final. However, they have the consolation of the championship to strive for, and St Helens this time did them a favour by turning out a team showing eight changes from the semi-final squad, and by failing to reproduce any of the tigerish commitment shown at Central Park on Saturday, when they won 19-2.

Widnes themselves seemed tired and jaded, and at times their performance was as indifferent as that which disappointed their followers two days earlier. However, they did enough to win in an extremely scrappy encounter.

Widnes led 8-6 at half-time. Two of their young men, Wynne, the full back, and McCurrie, the loose forward, combined for McCurrie to touch down near the posts and Davies landed two goals. For St Helens, Bishop burrowed through to score an untidy try and kicked a penalty.

The second half was equally mistake-ridden and disappointing. St Helens had a long spell on attack, but sluggishness and handling errors preventing them crossing the Widnes line. When Widnes finally broke away, they showed a flash of their real form and brisk handling enabled Hulme to dive under the posts, Davies adding the simple goal.

However, St Helens came back to score another scrappy try which was fiercely contested by the Widnes defenders. The referee awarded St Helens a couple of penalties close to the line, and while the Widnes players were arguing, Cooper played the ball to himself and dived over. Bishop added the goal and the difference was two points.

This was stretched to four when Groves had to dive on a loose ball in an offside position after Evans had lost possession; Davies had a simple kick at goal.

St Helens continued to struggle to glean something, but again their handling and commitment fell short. Widnes finally made it safe with a try by Wynne, but they will have to lift both their temperament and pace to stay on top of the table.

SCORERS: St Helens: Tries: Bishop, Cooper. Goals: Bishop (2). Widnes: Tries: McCurrie, Hulme, Wynne. Goals: Davies (4).
ST HELENS: D Tanner; D Large, A Hunte, M Bailey, L Quirk; P Veivers, P Bishop; J Neill, P Groves, S Evans, P Forber, R Haggerty, S Cooper.
WIDNES: S Wynne; J Devereux, A Currier, D Wright, M Offiah; J Davies, D Hulme; K Sorensen, P McKenzie, J Grima, P Davidson, E Koloto, S McCurrie.
Referee: D Asquith (York).

Havant's hopes of winnin cup are dashed by Dutch

From SYDNEY FRISKIN
IN TERRASSA, SPAIN

Havant............................... 1
SV Kampong.......................2

HAVANT'S hopes of securing the European Cup-Winners' Cup disappeared here yesterday as they vainly sought to recover lost ground against the Dutch hockey club, SV Kampong, in the final.

Having failed to seize early chances, Havant were caught off guard at the back as the Dutch struck two telling blows, leaving the English cup holders with too steep a hill to climb.

It was a disappointing end for Havant, who were hoping to emulate the achievement of Hounslow, winners of the trophy at Frankfurt last year when they beat Amsterdam in the final.

Van't Hek, celebrating his 33rd birthday, set up the chance for Kampong's first goal and earned the short corner which led to the second.

Exchanges were even in the first half. However, in the eighteenth minute, Hill squandered a chance of putting Havant ahead by scooping over the top from a short corner. There was an even better opportunity in the 28th minute, when Williams came in strongly along the line and back-passed to Lawson, whose shot was saved.

A few seconds before half-time, Van't Hek gained possession near the circle and sent Jack Brinkman on his way to score with a strong, angular shot.

Kampong increased their advantage in the 57th minute when Richard Brinkman converted a short corner while Garcia was under suspension for a questionable tackle.

But Havant's efforts never

flagged. With three mine
go, Williams scored ind
from their sixth short c
A couple of minutes l
free hit by Faulkner fro
right brought Williams
inches of an equalise
then time ran out on H
who were unable to t
short corner.

HAVANT: S Rowlands; D Fau
Roberts, R Hill, P Nall, S La
Coleman (sub: G Roberts), R G
Williams, C Cooper, S Avery.
SV KAMPONG: R Meijer; R Bri
Blok, J Plerie, L Theys, B Ma
Brinkman, R Van Dijk, E Cardinaal
Hek, M Van Dijk.
Umpires: P Van Beneden (Be
O'Connor (Ire).

☐ The Irish club, A
from Dublin, did well to
fifth after a 5-0 win over
of France. The Irish lost
one match in the tourna
Dundee Wanderers fi
last.

RESULTS: 7th place: AS Roma 3,
Wanderers 1. 5th place: Avoca (Ire
(Fr) 0. 3rd place: Egara Terrassa
Rot-Weiss Cologne 1. Final: SV K
(Neth) 2, Havant 1. Tour match:
Terrassa 2, Hounslow 4.